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INVITATION FOR BID

One-Time Purchase

Title	HPNAP Walk-in Refrigeration Equipment
Commodity Group Number	25200
Bid Solicitation Date	06/26/06
IFB Number	FAU # 0605020340
Bid Opening Date	07/17/06

Designated Contact for Technical Questions related to this Procurement

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IFB # 0605020340

GENERAL INFORMATION

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS

Receipt of this Invitation for Bid (IFB) document does not indicate that the New York State Department of Health has pre-determined your company's qualifications to receive a contract award. Such determination will be made after the request for quote due date and will be based on our evaluation of your quote submission compared to the specific requirements and qualifications contained in this request for quote document.

ISSUING AGENCY

This IFB is issued by the NYS Department of Health. The Department is responsible for the requirements specified herein and for the evaluation of all proposals.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Interested vendors should submit three (3) original Bid Proposals to the Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP) no later than **07/17/06**. Responses to the proposal should be clearly marked **"HPNAP Walk-in Refrigeration Equipment"** and sent to:

**New York State Department of Health
Division of Nutrition/HPNAP
HPNAP Refrigeration Equipment, IFB Number 0605020340
Riverview Center
150 Broadway, 6th Floor West
Albany, NY 12204
Attention: Amy Clary**

In order to meet deadlines, faxed copies will be accepted and may be sent to Amy Clary's attention at (518) 402-7220. However, originals are needed to complete the contract process and must be received no later than **07/17/06**. The package must include the following completed forms:

- Vendor Information
- Appendix C - Bid Form
- Vendor's Published Price List
- Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire – Attachment 1
- Form ST -220 – Contractor Certification – Attachment 2
- Executive Order 127 – Contractor Disclosure of Contacts – Attachment 3
- State Finance Law §139 Bid Form – Attachment 4

NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION (State Finance Law Section 139-d and Appendix A, Clause 7)

By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its' knowledge and belief:

- (1) The prices in this bid have been arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other bidder or with any competitor;
- (2) Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the bidder and will not knowingly be disclosed by the bidder prior to opening, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder or to any competitor; and
- (3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO

1. Reject any or all proposals received in response to this IFB.
2. Waive or modify minor irregularities in proposals received after prior notification to the bidder.
3. Adjust or correct cost or cost figures with the concurrence of bidder if errors exist and can be documented to the satisfaction of DOH and the State Comptroller.
4. Negotiate with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder responding to this IFB within the requirements to serve the best interests of the State.
5. Modify the detail specifications should no bids be received that meet all these requirements.

APPENDICES:

The following appendices are attached as part of this IFB and should be retained for future reference:

- **Appendix A**, Standard Clauses for New York State Contracts, dated September 2004, attached hereto, is hereby expressly made a part of this Request for Quote document as fully as if set forth at length herein.
- **Appendix D1**, New York State Department of Health General Specifications, attached hereto, is hereby expressly made part of this Bid Document as fully set forth at length herein and shall govern any situations not covered by this Bid Document or Appendix A.

CONFLICT OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Conflicts between documents shall be resolved in the following order of precedence:

- a. Appendix A – Standard Clauses for New York State Contracts
- b. Appendix D1 – New York State Department of Health General Specifications
- c. Appendix B - This Invitation for Bid
- d. Appendix C – Bid Form

NYS STANDARD VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Bidder agrees to fully and accurately complete the Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire, which is included as Attachment 1 (hereinafter the "Questionnaire"). The Bidder acknowledges that the State's execution of the Contract will be contingent upon the State's determination that the Bidder is responsible, and that the State will be relying upon the Bidder's responses to the Questionnaire in making that determination. The Bidder agrees that if it is found by the State that the Bidder's responses to the Questionnaire were intentionally false or intentionally incomplete, on such finding, DOH may terminate the Contract by providing ten (10) days written notification to the Contractor. In no case shall such termination of the Contract by the State be deemed a breach thereof, nor shall the State be liable for any damages for lost profits or otherwise, which may be sustained by the Contractor as a result of such termination.

TAX LAW § 5-A

Tax Law § 5-a, is effective with all solicitations to purchase issued by covered agencies on or after January 1, 2005. It applies to contracts where (1) the total amount of such persons' sales delivered into New York State are in excess of \$300,000 for the four quarterly periods immediately preceding the quarterly period in which the certification is made, and with respect to any affiliates, subcontractors, or affiliates of subcontractors whose sales delivered into New York State exceeded \$300,000 for the four quarterly periods immediately preceding the quarterly period in which the certification is made, and (2) the contracts or agreements with state agencies or public authorities for the sale of commodities or services have a value in excess of \$15,000. This law imposes upon certain contractors the obligation to certify whether or not the contractor, its affiliates, its subcontractors and affiliates of the subcontractors are required to register to collect state sales and compensating use tax. Where required to register, the contractor must also certify that it is, in fact, registered with the Department of Taxation and Finance (DTF). The law prohibits the Comptroller, or other approving agency, from approving a contract awarded to a vendor meeting the registration requirements but who is not so registered in accordance with the law.

Contractor certification form ST-220 and instructions for completing the forms are included as Attachment 2 to this bid. Proposed contractors should complete and return the certification forms within two business days of request (if the forms are not completed and returned with bid submission). Failure to respond timely may render a bidder non-responsive and non-responsible. Bidders shall take the necessary steps to provide properly certified forms, within a timely manner to ensure compliance with the law.

Vendors may call the Tax Department at 1-800- 972-1233 for any and all questions relating to Tax Law § 5-a relating to a company's registration status with the Tax Department. For additional information and frequently asked questions, please refer to the Department of Tax and Finance web site:
http://www.nystax.gov/sbc/nys_contractors.htm .

DOH reserves the right to terminate this contract in the event it is found that the certification filed by the Contractor in accordance with § 5-a of the Tax Law is not timely filed during the term of the contract or the certification furnished was intentionally false or intentionally incomplete. Upon such finding, DOH may exercise its termination right by providing written notification to the Contractor.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW

During the evaluation process, the content of each bid/proposal will be held in confidence and details of any bid/proposal will not be revealed (except as may be required under the Freedom of Information Law or other State law). The Freedom of Information Law provides for an exemption from disclosure for trade secrets or information the disclosure of which would cause injury to the competitive position of commercial enterprises. This exception would be effective both during and after the evaluation process. Should You Feel Your Firm's

Bid/Proposal Contains Any Such Trade Secrets Or Other Confidential Or Proprietary Information, You Must Submit A Request To Except Such Information From Disclosure. Such Request Must Be In Writing, Must State The Reasons Why The Information Should Be Excepted From Disclosure And Must Be Provided At The Time Of Submission Of The Subject Information. Requests For Exemption Of The Entire Contents Of A Bid/Proposal From Disclosure Have Generally Not Been Found To Be Meritorious And Are Discouraged. Kindly Limit Any Requests For Exemption Of Information From Disclosure To Bona Fide Trade Secrets Or Specific Information, The Disclosure Of Which Would Cause A Substantial Injury To The Competitive Position Of Your Firm.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 127 CONTRACT TERMINATION PROVISION

On June 16, 2003, Governor Pataki signed EO 127 providing for additional disclosure in the State's procurement process. EO 127 requires that successful bidders disclose to the procuring agency all persons retained, employed or designated by or on behalf of any bidder to attempt to influence the procurement process, and whether that person has a financial interest in the procurement.

As a result of EO 127, bidders are required to complete a Contractor Disclosure of Contacts form, Attachment 3, for each individual entity they have retained, employed or designated to influence the procurement process. This form also must be completed for all references provided.

The Department of Health reserves the right to terminate this contract in the event it is found that the certification filled by the contractor in accordance with Executive Order Number 127 was intentionally false or intentionally incomplete. Upon such finding, the Agency / Authority may exercise its termination right by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the written notification terms of the contract.

NEW YORK STATE LOBBYING ACT

Pursuant to State Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k, this *Invitation for Bid* includes and imposes certain restrictions on communications between the Department of Health (DOH) and an Offerer during the procurement process. An Offerer/bidder is restricted from making contacts from the earliest notice of intent to solicit *bids/proposals* through final award and approval of the Procurement Contract by the DOH and, if applicable, Office of the State Comptroller ("restricted period") to other than designated staff unless it is a contact that is included among certain statutory exceptions set forth in State Finance Law §139-j(3)(a). Designated staff, as of the date hereof, are identified on the first page of this *Invitation for Bid or Request for Proposal*. DOH employees are also required to obtain certain information when contacted during the restricted period and make a determination of the responsibility of the Offerer/bidder pursuant to these two statutes. Certain findings of non-responsibility can result in rejection for contract award and in the event of two findings within a 4 year period, the Offerer/bidder is debarred from obtaining governmental Procurement Contracts. Further information about these requirements can be found on the Office of General Services Website at <http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/aboutOgs/regulations/defaultAdvisoryCouncil.html>.

Bidders must comply with this newly enacted legislation, and complete Attachment 4 affirming that they understand and agree to comply with the Department of Health regarding permissible contacts as required by State Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k.

The DOH reserves the right to terminate this contract in the event it is found that the certification filed by the Offerer in accordance with New York State Finance Law 139-k was intentionally false or intentionally incomplete. Upon such findings, DOH may exercise its termination right by providing written notification to the Offerer in accordance with the written notification terms of this contract.

DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS

SCOPE OF BID

The Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program is seeking bids for walk-in refrigeration equipment to be utilized by Emergency Food Relief Organizations (food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens and emergency shelters) to safely store perishable food items for distribution to low income, food insecure New York State residents.

LOT A

Item Number	Quantity	Item Description	Unit of Measure
1	1	Walk-in Cooler. Length – 9 feet, Width – 7 feet 9 inches, Height – 7 feet 6 inches. 1 door. Aluminum floor. Safety release handles to permit opening from inside when the doors are locked. Galvanized steel interior and exterior. Interior light, light switch and thermometer. Delivered and Installed at: Broome County Council of Churches, 3 Otsenigo St., Binghamton, N.Y. 13903	each
2	1	Walk-in Freezer. Length – 9 feet, Width – 7 feet 9 inches, Height – 7 feet 6 inches. 1 door. Safety release handle to permit opening from inside when the door is locked. Galvanized steel interior and exterior. Interior light, light switch and thermometer. Aluminum Floor. Delivered and Installed at: Broome County Council of Churches, 3 Otsenigo St., Binghamton, N.Y. 13903	each

LOT B

Item Number	Quantity	Item Description	Unit of Measure
3	1	Walk-in Display Cooler. Length – 21 feet 6 inches, Width – 8 feet 2 inches, Height – 8 feet. No floor. 1 Insulated door panel 60 inches x 78 inches high. Standard edge-mounted door latch, positive type latch. Safety release handle to permit opening from inside when the door is locked. Embossed galvanized steel interior, exterior and door finish. Matching closure panels and trim. Vapor-proof light fixture with lamp, light switch, safety globe and thermometer. 8 glass doors, 5 shelves per door, with lighting. Minimum 3 HP condensing unit and 1 low velocity evaporator. Delivered and Installed at: Regional Food Bank of Northeastern NY, Food Bank of the Hudson Valley, 195 Hudson Street, Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y. 12550	each

LOT C

Item Number	Quantity	Item Description	Unit of Measure
4	1	Walk-in Refrigerator. Length – 8 feet, Width – 10 feet, Height – 7 feet 6 inches. 1 door. Safety release handle to permit opening from inside when the door is locked. Galvanized steel interior, exterior and floor. Remote outdoor condensing unit to be located a maximum of 25 feet from the walk-in refrigerator. Interior light, light switch and thermometer. Delivered and Installed at: Cattaraugus Community Action, 25 Jefferson St., Salamanca, N.Y. 14779	each
5	1	Walk-in Freezer. Length – 8 feet, Width – 10 feet, Height – 7 feet 6 inches. 1 door. Safety release handle to permit opening from inside when the door is locked. Galvanized steel interior, exterior and floor. Remote outdoor condensing unit to be located a maximum of 25 feet from the walk-in freezer. Interior light, light switch and thermometer. Delivered and Installed at: Cattaraugus Community Action, 25 Jefferson St., Salamanca, N.Y. 14779	each
6	1	Walk-in Freezer. Length – 12 feet, Width – 8 feet, Height – 7 feet 6 inches. 1 door. Safety release handle to permit opening from inside when the door is locked. Galvanized steel interior, exterior and floor. Interior light, light switch and thermometer.. Delivered and Installed at: Chautauqua County Rural Ministry, 127 Central Avenue, Dunkirk, N.Y. 14048	each

LOT D

Item Number	Quantity	Item Description	Unit of Measure
7	1	Walk-in Refrigerator. Length – 7 feet, Width – 7 feet, Height – 7 feet 6 inches. One Door. No floor. Safety release handle to permit opening from inside when the door is locked. Galvanized steel interior and exterior. White finish. Interior light, light switch and thermometer. Removal of existing walk-in to loading dock. Delivered and Installed at: God's Love We Deliver, 166 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10013	each
8	1	Walk-in side by side cooler/freezer. Length – 12 feet, Width – 7 feet 8 inches, Height – 8 feet 6 inches. 2 doors – 1 door for cooler, 1 door for freezer. Safety release handles to permit opening from inside when the doors are locked. Center partition dividing the freezer and cooler sections. Galvanized steel interior and exterior. Cooler – Interior light, light switch and thermometer. Freezer – Interior light, light switch and thermometer. Delivered and Installed at: Yorkville Common Pantry, 8 East 109th Street, New York, N.Y. 10029	each

DELIVERY TO

**Broome County Council of Churches
3 Otsenigo Street
Binghamton, N.Y. 13903**

**Cattaraugus Community Action
25 Jefferson St.
Salamanca, N.Y. 14779**

**Chautauqua County Rural Ministry
127 Central Avenue
Dunkirk, N.Y. 14048**

**God's Love We Deliver
166 Avenue of the Americas
New York, N.Y. 10013**

**Regional Food Bank of Northeastern NY
Food Bank of the Hudson Valley
195 Hudson St.
Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y. 12550**

**Yorkville Common Pantry
8 East 109th Street
New York, N.Y. 10029**

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PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Bidder must provide per unit pricing for each item number listed in the Detailed Specifications. The cost must include all shipping charges.

PRICE

Price is F.O.B. destination, freight pre-paid and added to invoice

METHOD OF AWARD

Lowest Total Bid per Lot: Award shall be made by Lot to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The state reserves the right to make no award on this IFB.

REQUEST FOR CHANGE

Any request by the agency or contractor regarding changes in any part of the contract must be made in writing prior to effectuation. Such requests are subject to approval by the State Comptroller.

APPENDIX A

The contractor agrees to comply with Appendix A, New York State Contract Clauses.

APPENDIX D1

The contractor agrees to comply with Appendix D1, New York State Department of Health General Specifications.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Payments cannot be processed by the NYS Department of Health until the contract items have been delivered in satisfactory condition. Payment will be based on an invoice used in the supplier's normal course of business; however, such invoice must contain sufficient data including, but not limited to, Contract No., purchase order number, description of material, quantity, unit and price per unit, as well as Federal Identification Number. Properly completed vouchers are required to be forwarded to the Office of the State Comptroller for audit and payment. Agencies are urged to process vouchers expeditiously.

NOTE TO AGENCY

When placing orders against this contract, please forward a copy of the PO to:

*NYS Department of Health/Division of Nutrition
Riverview Center
150 Broadway, FL 6 West
Albany, NY 12204
ATTN: Administrative Services Unit*

PURCHASE ORDERS

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Purchase orders are effective and binding upon the contractor when placed in the mail addressed to the contractor at the address shown herein.

MINIMUM ORDER

There is no minimum order.

TERMINATION

The NYS Department of Health reserves the right to cancel the contract upon 30 day written notice for: (1) Unavailability of Funds; (2) Cause; (3) Convenience. Failure of the contractor to provide the required goods in accordance to the contract, the NYS Department of Health reserves the right to cancel the contract upon 30 day written notice. If the agreement is terminated, the NYS Department of Health shall be liable only for payment of goods received prior to the effective date of termination.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The contractor agrees to comply with all specifications of *NYS Department of Health Bid Number 0605020340*.

Vendor Information

Name of Company		Federal Tax ID Number
Company Address	Purchase Order Address	
Name of Company Official Submitting Bid (Print or Type)	Title	
Authorized Signature		Date
Phone		Extension
Toll Free Phone		Extension
Fax		Extension
E-Mail Address		
Company Web Site		

Person or Persons to Contact for Expediting New York State Contract Orders:

Name (s)	
Phone	Extension
Toll Free Phone	Extension
Fax	Extension
E-Mail Address (es)	

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Appendix C - Bid Form

Name of Company	Federal Tax ID Number
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Lot Number	Item Number	Item Description	Quantity	Price Each	Total
Contract Total					

Failure to Answer the Questions will Delay the Evaluation of your Bid and May Result in Rejection of your Bid.

Pricing - Are prices quoted the same as or lower than those quoted other corporations, institutions and government agencies on similar products, quantities, terms and conditions?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Business Information

1. Are you a New York State Resident Business?

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Total number of people employed by your business:

3. Total number of people employed by your business in New York State:

4. Is your business independently owned and operated?

☐ Yes ☐ No

5. Is your business at least 51% owned and controlled by women, or 50% owned and controlled by minority group members (i.e., Black, Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Islander, American Indian, Alaskan Native)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, have you been certified or registered?

☐ Yes ☐ No

List certification or registration authority: _____

Place of Manufacturer of Product(s) Bid

1. All NYS Manufacture?

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. All Manufactured outside NYS?

☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Manufactured in NYS and Outside NYS?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, Location (State) where more than half the value is added to the product(s) bid: _____

Bidder's Principal Place of Business - Principal Place of Business is the location of the primary control, direction and management of the enterprise. _____

Bidder's Signature

Date

Attachment 1
Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire
IFB No. 0605020340

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1. VENDOR IS: <input type="checkbox"/> PRIME CONTRACTOR <input type="checkbox"/> SUB-CONTRACTOR			
2. VENDOR'S LEGAL BUSINESS NAME		3. IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS a) FEIN # b) DUNS #	
4. D/B/A – Doing Business As (if applicable) & COUNTY FILED:		5. WEBSITE ADDRESS (if applicable)	
6. ADDRESS OF PRIMARY PLACE OF BUSINESS/EXECUTIVE OFFICE		7. TELEPHONE NUMBER	8. FAX NUMBER
9. ADDRESS OF PRIMARY PLACE OF BUSINESS/EXECUTIVE OFFICE <i>IN NEW YORK STATE</i> , if different from above		10. TELEPHONE NUMBER	11. FAX NUMBER
12. PRIMARY PLACE OF BUSINESS IN NEW YORK STATE IS: <input type="checkbox"/> Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Rented If rented, please provide landlord's name, address, and telephone number below:		13. AUTHORIZED CONTACT FOR THIS QUESTIONNAIRE Name Title Telephone Number Fax Number e-mail	
14. VENDOR'S BUSINESS ENTITY IS (please check appropriate box and provide additional information):			
a) <input type="checkbox"/> Business Corporation	Date of Incorporation	State of Incorporation*	
b) <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietor	Date Established		
c) <input type="checkbox"/> General Partnership	Date Established		
d) <input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-Profit Corporation	Date of Incorporation	State of Incorporation* Charities Registration Number	
e) <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Company (LLC)	Date Established		
f) <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Partnership	Date Established		
g) <input type="checkbox"/> Other – Specify:	Date Established	Jurisdiction Filed (if applicable)	
* If not incorporated in New York State, please provide a copy of authorization to do business in New York.			
15. PRIMARY BUSINESS ACTIVITY - (Please identify the primary business categories, products or services provided by your business)			
16. NAME OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE CARRIER:			
17. LIST ALL OF THE VENDOR'S PRINCIPAL OWNERS AND THE THREE OFFICERS WHO DIRECT THE DAILY OPERATIONS OF THE VENDOR (Attach additional pages if necessary):			
a) NAME (print)	TITLE	b) NAME (print)	TITLE
c) NAME (print)	TITLE	d) NAME (print)	TITLE

FEIN

<p>18. Is the vendor certified in New York State as a (check please):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Women's Business Enterprise (WBE)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)?</p> <p><i>Please provide a copy of any of the above certifications that apply.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>19. Does the vendor use, or has it used in the past ten (10) years, any other Business Name, FEIN, or D/B/A other than those listed in items 2-4 above?</p> <p><i>List all other business name(s), Federal Employer Identification Number(s) or any D/B/A names and the dates that these names or numbers were/are in use. Explain the relationship to the vendor.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>20. Are there any individuals now serving in a managerial or consulting capacity to the vendor, including principal owners and officers, who now serve or in the past three (3) years have served as:</p> <p>a) An elected or appointed public official or officer?</p> <p><i>List each individual's name, business title, the name of the organization and position elected or appointed to, and dates of service.</i></p> <p>b) A full or part-time employee in a New York State agency or as a consultant, in their individual capacity, to any New York State agency?</p> <p><i>List each individual's name, business title or consulting capacity and the New York State agency name, and employment position with applicable service dates.</i></p> <p>c) If yes to item #20b, did this individual perform services related to the solicitation, negotiation, operation and/or administration of public contracts for the contracting agency?</p> <p><i>List each individual's name, business title or consulting capacity and the New York State agency name, and consulting/advisory position with applicable service dates. List each contract name and assigned NYS number.</i></p> <p>d) An officer of any political party organization in New York State, whether paid or unpaid?</p> <p><i>List each individual's name, business title or consulting capacity and the official political party position held with applicable service dates.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

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21.	<p>Within the past five (5) years, has the vendor, any individuals serving in managerial or consulting capacity, principal owners, officers, major stockholder(s) (10% or more of the voting shares for publicly traded companies, 25% or more of the shares for all other companies), affiliate¹ or any person involved in the bidding or contracting process:</p>	
	<p>a) 1. been suspended, debarred or terminated by a local, state or federal authority in connection with a contract or contracting process; 2. been disqualified for cause as a bidder on any permit, license, concession franchise or lease; 3. entered into an agreement to a voluntary exclusion from bidding/contracting; 4. had a bid rejected on a New York State contract for failure to comply with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles; 5. had a low bid rejected on a local, state or federal contract for failure to meet statutory affirmative action or M/WBE requirements on a previously held contract; 6. had status as a Women's Business Enterprise, Minority Business Enterprise or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise denied, de-certified, revoked or forfeited; 7. been subject to an administrative proceeding or civil action seeking specific performance or restitution in connection with any local, state or federal government contract; 8. been denied an award of a local, state or federal government contract, had a contract suspended or had a contract terminated for non-responsibility; or 9. had a local, state or federal government contract suspended or terminated for cause prior to the completion of the term of the contract?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<p>b) been indicted, convicted, received a judgment against them or a grant of immunity for any business-related conduct constituting a crime under local, state or federal law including but not limited to, fraud, extortion, bribery, racketeering, price-fixing, bid collusion or any crime related to truthfulness and/or business conduct?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<p>c) been issued a citation, notice, violation order, or are pending an administrative hearing or proceeding or determination for violations of:</p> <p>1. federal, state or local health laws, rules or regulations, including but not limited to Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) or New York State labor law; 2. state or federal environmental laws; 3. unemployment insurance or workers' compensation coverage or claim requirements; 4. Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA); 5. federal, state or local human rights laws; 6. civil rights laws; 7. federal or state security laws;</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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	<p>8. federal Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) and Alienage laws;</p> <p>9. state or federal anti-trust laws; or</p> <p>10. charity or consumer laws?</p> <p><i>For any of the above, detail the situation(s), the date(s), the name(s), title(s), address(es) of any individuals involved and, if applicable, any contracting agency, specific details related to the situation(s) and any corrective action(s) taken by the vendor.</i></p>	
22.	<p>In the past three (3) years, has the vendor or its affiliates¹ had any claims, judgments, injunctions, liens, fines or penalties secured by any governmental agency?</p> <p><i>Indicate if this is applicable to the submitting vendor or affiliate. State whether the situation(s) was a claim, judgment, injunction, lien or other with an explanation. Provide the name(s) and address(es) of the agency, the amount of the original obligation and outstanding balance. If any of these items are open, unsatisfied, indicate the status of each item as "open" or "unsatisfied."</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
23.	<p>Has the vendor (for profit and not-for profit corporations) or its affiliates¹, in the past three (3) years, had any governmental audits that revealed material weaknesses in its system of internal controls, compliance with contractual agreements and/or laws and regulations or any material disallowances?</p> <p><i>Indicate if this is applicable to the submitting vendor or affiliate. Detail the type of material weakness found or the situation(s) that gave rise to the disallowance, any corrective action taken by the vendor and the name of the auditing agency.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
24.	<p>Is the vendor exempt from income taxes under the Internal Revenue Code?</p> <p><i>Indicate the reason for the exemption and provide a copy of any supporting information.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
25.	<p>During the past three (3) years, has the vendor failed to:</p> <p>a) file returns or pay any applicable federal, state or city taxes? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>Identify the taxing jurisdiction, type of tax, liability year(s), and tax liability amount the vendor failed to file/pay and the current status of the liability.</i></p> <p>b) file returns or pay New York State unemployment insurance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>Indicate the years the vendor failed to file/pay the insurance and the current status of the liability.</i></p>	
26.	<p>Have any bankruptcy proceedings been initiated by or against the vendor or its affiliates¹ within the past seven (7) years (whether or not closed) or is any bankruptcy proceeding pending by or against the vendor or its affiliates regardless of the date of filing?</p> <p><i>Indicate if this is applicable to the submitting vendor or affiliate. If it is an affiliate, include the affiliate's name and FEIN. Provide the court name, address and docket number. Indicate if the proceedings have been initiated, remain pending or have been closed. If closed, provide the date closed.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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27.	Is the vendor currently insolvent, or does vendor currently have reason to believe that an involuntary bankruptcy proceeding may be brought against it? <i>Provide financial information to support the vendor's current position, for example, Current Ratio, Debt Ratio, Age of Accounts Payable, Cash Flow and any documents that will provide the agency with an understanding of the vendor's situation.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
28.	Has the vendor been a contractor or subcontractor on any contract with any New York State agency in the past five (5) years? <i>List the agency name, address, and contract effective dates. Also provide state contract identification number, if known.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
29.	In the past five (5) years, has the vendor or any affiliates ¹ : a) defaulted or been terminated on, or had its surety called upon to complete, any contract (public or private) awarded; b) received an overall unsatisfactory performance assessment from any government agency on any contract; or c) had any liens or claims over \$25,000 filed against the firm which remain undischarged or were unsatisfied for more than 90 days ? <i>Indicate if this is applicable to the submitting vendor or affiliate. Detail the situation(s) that gave rise to the negative action, any corrective action taken by the vendor and the name of the contracting agency.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

¹ "Affiliate" meaning: (a) any entity in which the vendor owns more than 50% of the voting stock; (b) any individual, entity or group of principal owners or officers who own more than 50% of the voting stock of the vendor; or (c) any entity whose voting stock is more than 50% owned by the same individual, entity or group described in clause (b). In addition, if a vendor owns less than 50% of the voting stock of another entity, but directs or has the right to direct such entity's daily operations, that entity will be an "affiliate" for purposes of this questionnaire.

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State of:)
) ss:
County of:)

CERTIFICATION:

The undersigned: recognizes that this questionnaire is submitted for the express purpose of assisting the State of New York or its agencies or political subdivisions in making a determination regarding an award of contract or approval of a subcontract; acknowledges that the State or its agencies and political subdivisions may in its discretion, by means which it may choose, verify the truth and accuracy of all statements made herein; acknowledges that intentional submission of false or misleading information may constitute a felony under Penal Law Section 210.40 or a misdemeanor under Penal Law Section 210.35 or Section 210.45, and may also be punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment of up to five years under 18 USC Section 1001 and may result in contract termination; and states that the information submitted in this questionnaire and any attached pages is true, accurate and complete.

The undersigned certifies that he/she:

- has not altered the content of the questions in the questionnaire in any manner;
- has read and understands all of the items contained in the questionnaire and any pages attached by the submitting vendor;
- has supplied full and complete responses to each item therein to the best of his/her knowledge, information and belief;
- is knowledgeable about the submitting vendor's business and operations;
- understands that New York State will rely on the information supplied in this questionnaire when entering into a contract with the vendor; and
- is under duty to notify the procuring State Agency of any material changes to the vendor's responses herein prior to the State Comptroller's approval of the contract.

Name of Business

Signature of Owner/Officer _____

Address

Printed Name of Signatory

City, State, Zip

Title

Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20 ____;

Notary Public

Print Name

Signature

Date

Attachment 2
ST-220
Contractor Certification
IFB No. 0605020340

**Contractor Certification**

(Pursuant to Section 5-a of the Tax Law)

ST-220
(1/05)For more information, see Publication 222, *Question and Answers Concerning Section 5-a*.

Contractor name				For office use only	
Contractor's principal place of business				Contract number	
City				State	
ZIP code					
Mailing address (if different than above)				Estimated contract value	
Contractor's federal employer Identification number (EIN)		Contractor's sales tax ID number (if different from contractor's EIN)			
Contractor's telephone number ()		Contracting state agency		\$	

I, _____, hereby affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am _____
(name) (title)

of the above-named contractor, that I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of such contractor, and that:

Part I. Contract services that are not services for purposes of Tax Law section 5-a(Mark an **X** in the box if this statement is applicable. If you mark this box, you do not have to complete Parts II - V.)

- ☐ The requirements of Tax Law section 5-a do not apply because the subject matter of the contract concerns the performance of services which are not *services* within the meaning of Tax Law section 5-a.

(If you did not mark the box next to the statement in Part I, mark an **X** next to the applicable statement in Parts II through V.)**Part II. Contractor registration status**

- ☐ The contractor has made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000 during the four quarterly periods ending on the last day of February, May, August, and November which immediately precede the quarterly period in which this certification is made, and is registered for New York State and local sales and compensating use tax purposes with the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance pursuant to sections 1134 and 1253 of the Tax Law.
- ☐ As of the date of this certification, the contractor has not made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000 during the four quarterly periods ending on the last day of February, May, August, and November which immediately precede the quarterly period in which this certification is made.

Part III. Affiliate registration status

- ☐ As of the date of this certification, the contractor does not have any affiliates.
- ☐ To the best of the contractor's knowledge, the contractor has one or more affiliates having made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000 during the four quarterly periods ending on the last day of February, May, August, and November which immediately precede the quarterly period in which this certification is made, and each affiliate exceeding the \$300,000 sales threshold during such periods is registered for New York State and local sales and compensating use tax purposes with the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance pursuant to sections 1134 and 1253 of the Tax Law. The contractor has listed on Schedule A of this certification the name, address, and identification number of each affiliate exceeding the \$300,000 sales threshold during the four quarterly periods ending on the last day of February, May, August, and November which immediately precede the quarterly period in which this certification is made.
- ☐ To the best of the contractor's knowledge, the contractor has one or more affiliates and, as of the date of this certification, each affiliate has not made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000 during the four quarterly periods ending on the last day of February, May, August, and November which immediately precede the quarterly period in which this certification is made.

Part IV. Subcontractor registration status

- ☐ As of the date of this certification, the contractor does not have any subcontractors.
- ☐ The contractor has one or more subcontractors, and each subcontractor has informed the contractor of whether or not, as of the date of this certification, it has made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000 during the four quarterly periods ending on the last day of February, May, August, and November which immediately precede the quarterly period in which this certification is made. Each subcontractor informing the contractor that it has made sales in excess of the \$300,000 threshold during such periods has further informed the contractor that it is registered for New York State and local sales and compensating use tax purposes with the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance pursuant to sections 1134 and 1253 of the Tax Law. The contractor has listed on Schedule A of this certification the name, address and identification number of each subcontractor exceeding the \$300,000 sales threshold during the four quarterly periods ending on the last day of February, May, August, and November which immediately precede the quarterly period in which this certification is made.
- ☐ The contractor has one or more subcontractors, and each subcontractor has informed the contractor that, as of the date of this certification, it has not made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000 during the four quarterly periods ending on the last day of February, May, August, and November which immediately precede the quarterly period in which this certification is made.

Part V. Subcontractor affiliate registration status

- ☐ The contractor has one or more subcontractors, and each subcontractor has informed the contractor that, as of the date of this certification, it does not have any affiliates.
- ☐ The contractor has one or more subcontractors, and each subcontractor has informed the contractor of whether or not, as of the date of this certification, it has any affiliates having made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000 during the four quarterly periods ending on the last day of February, May, August, and November which immediately precede the quarterly period in which this certification is made. Each subcontractor informing the contractor that it has one or more affiliates having made sales in excess of the \$300,000 threshold during such periods has further informed the contractor that each such affiliate is registered for New York State and local sales and compensating use tax purposes with the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance pursuant to sections 1134 and 1253 of the Tax Law. The contractor has listed on Schedule A of this certification the name, address and identification number of each affiliate exceeding the \$300,000 sales threshold during the four quarterly periods ending on the last day of February, May, August, and November which immediately precede the quarterly period in which this certification is made.
- ☐ The contractor has one or more subcontractors, and each subcontractor has informed the contractor that, as of the date of this certification, it has no affiliate having made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000 during the four quarterly periods ending on the last day of February, May, August, and November which immediately precede the quarterly period in which this certification is made.

Sworn to this ____ day of _____, 20 ____

(signature)

(title)

Individual, Corporation, Partnership, or LLC Acknowledgment

STATE OF }
 : SS.:
 COUNTY OF }

On the day ____ of _____ in the year 20____, before me personally appeared _____, known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument, who, being duly sworn by me did depose and say that _____he resides at _____,

Town of _____,

County of _____,

State of _____; and further that:

[Mark an **X** in the appropriate box and complete the accompanying statement.]

☐ (If an individual): _____he executed the foregoing instrument in his/her name and on his/her own behalf.

☐ (If a corporation): _____he is the _____ of _____, the corporation described in said instrument; that, by authority of the Board of Directors of said corporation, _____he is authorized to execute the foregoing instrument on behalf of the corporation for purposes set forth therein; and that, pursuant to that authority, _____he executed the foregoing instrument in the name of and on behalf of said corporation as the act and deed of said corporation.

☐ (If a partnership): _____he is the _____ of _____, the partnership described in said instrument; that, by the terms of said partnership, _____he is authorized to execute the foregoing instrument on behalf of the partnership for purposes set forth therein; and that, pursuant to that authority, _____he executed the foregoing instrument in the name of and on behalf of said partnership as the act and deed of said partnership.

☐ (If a limited liability company): _____he is a duly authorized member of, _____LLC, the limited liability company described in said instrument; that _____he is authorized to execute the foregoing instrument on behalf of the limited liability company for purposes set forth therein; and that, pursuant to that authority, _____he executed the foregoing instrument in the name of and on behalf of said limited liability company as the act and deed of said limited liability company.

 Notary Public

Registration No.

[illegible]

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Instructions

General information

On August 20, 2004, New York State enacted section 5-a of the Tax Law requiring persons awarded contracts valued at more than \$15,000 with state agencies, public authorities or public benefit corporations to certify that they, their affiliates, their subcontractors, and the affiliates of their subcontractors have a valid certificate of authority to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes. A contractor, affiliate, subcontractor or affiliate of a subcontractor must be certified as having a valid certificate of authority if such person makes, or has made, aggregate sales delivered within New York State of more than \$300,000 during the four quarterly periods ending on the last day of February, May, August, and November which immediately precede the quarterly period in which this certification is made. A contractor must use Form ST-220, *Contractor Certification*, to make this certification before the contract may be approved by the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC), or other contract approver if OSC is not required to approve the contract.

This statute applies to contracts resulting from solicitations to purchase issued by governmental entities on or after January 1, 2005. In the case of contracts resulting from issuance of an invitation for bid (IFB) or a request for proposal (RFP), the statute would apply if the IFB or RFP was first issued on or after January 1, 2005. The statute would not apply if the bid document was first issued before January 1, 2005, even if the bid document was amended, or the resulting contract was awarded, approved, amended, or extended after January 1, 2005.

The statute does not apply to purchases from preferred sources. For additional information, please see Publication 222, *Questions and Answers Concerning Tax Law Section 5-a*.

Definition of terms associated with section 5-a

The following is a partial list. Please see Publication 222 for additional information.

A *contractor* is defined as a person awarded a contract by a covered agency.

The term *person* is defined as any entity in business for either profit or not-for-profit purposes and can refer to an individual, partnership, limited liability company, society, association, joint stock company, or corporation.

A *covered agency* is defined as New York State or any department, board, bureau, commission, division, office, council or agency of New York State; public authorities and public benefit corporations. The State Legislature, the judiciary, Department of Law, Office of State Comptroller, State Education Department, State University of New York and the senior colleges of City University of New York are included in this definition.

An *affiliate* is an entity which, through stock ownership or any other affiliation, directly, indirectly or constructively, controls another entity, is controlled by another entity, or is, along with another entity, under the control of a common parent company.

A *subcontractor* is an entity specifically engaged by a contractor or another subcontractor to provide commodities or perform services necessary to allow a contractor to fulfill a particular contract with a covered agency.

Commodities means, other than with respect to contracts for State printing, material goods, supplies, products, construction items or other standard articles of commerce other than technology which are the subject of any purchase or other exchange.

Tangible personal property means physical personal property, of any nature, that has a material existence and is perceptible to the human senses. Tangible personal property includes, without limitation: (1) raw materials, such as wood, metal, rubber and minerals; (2) manufactured items, such as gasoline, oil, diesel motor fuel and kero-jet fuel, chemicals, jewelry, furniture, machinery and equipment, parts, tools, supplies, computers, clothing, motor vehicles, boats, yachts, appliances, lighting fixtures, building materials; (3) pre-written off-the-shelf software; (4) artistic items such as sketches, paintings, photographs, moving picture films and recordings; (5) animals, trees, shrubs, plants and seeds; (6) bottled water, soda and beer; (7) candy and confections; (8) cigarettes and tobacco products; (9) cosmetics and toiletries; (10) coins and other numismatic items, when purchased for purposes other than for use as a medium of exchange; (11) postage stamps, when purchased for purposes other than mailing; and (12) precious metals in the form of bullion, ingots, wafers and other forms.

Completing Form ST-220

Identification information

Contractor name: Enter the exact legal name of the person or entity who is contracting to provide commodities or services to a covered agency of New York State. This is the name registered with the New York Department of State.

Contractor's principal place of business: Enter a street address, not a PO box number.

Mailing address: Enter the address where contractor receives mail, if different than the principal place of business.

Contracting state agency: Enter the state agency awarding the contract to the contractor.

Certification statement: If the contractor is a corporation, the statement must be completed by the president, vice president, treasurer, assistant treasurer, chief accounting officer, or other officer authorized by the corporation. If the contractor is a partnership, the statement must be completed by a partner or person authorized by the partnership. If the contractor is a limited liability company, the statement must be completed by a member of the LLC and be authorized by the LLC.

Part I – Contract services not pursuant to Tax Law section 5-a

If the services to be performed under the contract are not services within the meaning of Tax Law section 5-a, mark an **X**. You do not have to complete Parts II through V. You must sign and have the certification acknowledged.

For procurement law purposes, *services* means, other than with respect to contracts for State printing, the performance of a task or tasks and may include a material good or a quantity of material goods, and which is the subject of any purchase or other exchange. For procurement law purposes, technology is a service. The term *services* for procurement law purposes does not apply to contracts for architectural, engineering or surveying services, or to contracts with not-for-profit organizations approved in accordance with Article eleven-B of the State Finance Law.

The term *taxable services* for New York State and local sales and compensating use tax law purposes includes, but is not limited to: 1) providing information by printed, mimeographed or multigraphed matter or by duplicating written or printed manner in any other

manner; 2) processing, assembling, fabricating, printing or imprinting tangible personal property furnished by a customer who did not purchase the tangible personal property for resale; 3) installing, maintaining, servicing, or repairing tangible personal property that is not held for sale by the purchaser of the service in the regular course of business (for example, servicing automobiles, installing appliances, and repairing radio and television sets); 4) storing tangible personal property that is not being held for sale; 5) renting safe deposit boxes, vaults, and similar storage facilities; 6) maintaining, servicing, or repairing real property both inside and outside buildings (for example, cleaning, painting, gardening, snow plowing, trash removal, and general repairs); 7) providing parking, garaging, or storing services for motor vehicles; 8) interior decorating and designing; 9) protective or detective services; and 10) entertainment or information services provided by means of telephony or telegraphy.

Parts II through V

If the contract is covered under Tax Law section 5-a, you must mark an **X** in one box in each of these parts. You must also sign and have the certification acknowledged, and complete Schedule A.

Schedule A

Column A – Relationship to the contractor

The contractor should enter a **C**. It is not necessary for the contractor to complete columns C through E since this information has been provided on page 1.

If the person listed in column B is an affiliate of the contractor, enter an **A**; if a subcontractor, enter an **S**; if an affiliate of a subcontractor, enter **SA**.

Column B – Name

Enter the exact legal name as registered with the New York Department of State of each corporation or limited liability company. If the person is a partnership or sole proprietor, enter each partner's or the owner's given name. If the person uses a different name or DBA (doing business as), enter that name as well.

Column C – Address

Enter the street address of the person's principal place of business. Do not enter a PO box.

Column D – ID number

If the person listed in column B is an individual, enter the social security number of that person. Otherwise enter the employer identification number (EIN) assigned to the person.

Column E – Sales tax ID number

Enter the sales tax identification number, if different from the federal identification.

Column F – Proof of registration

Enter **CA** and attach a copy of the certificate of authority for the person.

If the certificate of authority is not readily available and if the person is registered with the Department of Taxation and Finance and has confirmed this status with the DTF, enter **RC**.

Return a signed and acknowledged original Form ST-220, and a copy, with the contract to the procuring state agency.

Attachment 3
Executive Order # 127
Contractor Disclosure of Contacts
IFB No. 0605020340



Executive Order #127

CONTRACTOR DISCLOSURE OF CONTACTS

This form shall be completed and submitted with your bid/proposal or offer. Failure to complete and submit this form shall result in a determination of non-responsiveness and disqualification of the bid, proposal or offer. If at the time of submission of this form, the specific name of a person authorized to attempt to influence a decision on your behalf is unknown, you agree to provide the specific person's information when it is available. You also agree to update this information during the negotiation or evaluation process of this procurement, and throughout the term of any contract awarded to your company pursuant to this bid/proposal or offer.

NAME OF PROCUREMENT: _____

NAME OF CONTRACTOR: _____

ADDRESS: Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING THIS FORM: _____

TITLE: _____

Is this an initial filing in accordance with Section II, paragraph 1 of EO 127 or an updated filing in accordance with Section II, paragraph 2 of EO 127?

☐ INITIAL FILING ☐ UPDATED FILING

The following person or organization was retained, employed or designated by or on behalf of the Contractor to attempt to influence the procurement process:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

PLACE OF PRINCIPAL EMPLOYMENT: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

Does the above named person or organization have a financial interest in the procurement?

☐ YES ☐ NO

DEFINITIONS:

"Financial Interest in procurement" shall mean:

(a) owning or exercising direct or indirect control over, or owning a financial interest of more than one percent in, a contractor or other entity that stands to gain or benefit financially from the award of a procurement contract; or

(b) receiving, expecting or attempting to receive compensation, fees, remuneration or other financial gain or benefit from a contractor or other individual or entity that stands to benefit financially from a procurement contract; or

(c) being compensated by, or being a member of, an entity or organization which is receiving, expecting or attempting to receive compensation, fees, remuneration or other financial gain from a contractor or other individual or entity that stands to benefit financially from a procurement contract; or

(d) receiving, expecting or attempting to receive any other financial gain or benefit as a result of the procurement contract; or

(e) being a relative of a person with a financial interest in the procurement, as set forth in paragraphs (a) through (d) above. For purposes of this paragraph, "relative" shall mean spouse, child, stepchild, stepparent, or any person who is a direct descendant of the grandparents of an individual listed in paragraphs (a) through (d) above or of the individual's spouse.

Attachment 4
State Finance Law §139 Bid Form
IFB No. 0605020340

**NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

BID FORM

PROCUREMENT TITLE: _____ FAU # _____

Bidder Name:

Bidder Address:

Bidder Fed ID No:

A. _____ bids a total price of \$ _____
(Name of Offerer/Bidder)

- B. Offerer/Bidder affirms that it understands and agrees to comply with the procedures of the Department of Health relative to permissible contacts (provided below) as required by State Finance Law §139-j (3) and §139-j (6) (b).

Pursuant to State Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k, this *Invitation for Bid or Request for Proposal* includes and imposes certain restrictions on communications between the Department of Health (DOH) and an Offerer during the procurement process. An Offerer/bidder is restricted from making contacts from the earliest notice of intent to solicit *bids/proposals* through final award and approval of the Procurement Contract by the DOH and, if applicable, Office of the State Comptroller (“restricted period”) to other than designated staff unless it is a contact that is included among certain statutory exceptions set forth in State Finance Law §139-j(3)(a). Designated staff, as of the date hereof, is/are identified on the first page of this *Invitation for Bid or Request for Proposal*. DOH employees are also required to obtain certain information when contacted during the restricted period and make a determination of the responsibility of the Offerer/bidder pursuant to these two statutes. Certain findings of non-responsibility can result in rejection for contract award and in the event of two findings within a 4 year period, the Offerer/bidder is debarred from obtaining governmental Procurement Contracts. Further information about these requirements can be found on the Office of General Services Website at <http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/aboutOgs/regulations/defaultAdvisoryCouncil.html>

- C. Offerer/Bidder provides the following disclosure of prior non-responsibility determinations

1. Has any Governmental Entity made a finding of non-responsibility regarding the Offerer/bidder in the previous four years? (Please circle):

No

Yes

If **yes**, please answer the next questions:

- 1a. Was the basis for the finding of non-responsibility due to a violation of State Finance Law §139-j or NYS Executive Order No. 127? (Please circle):

No

Yes

- 1b. Was the basis for the finding of non-responsibility due to the intentional provision of false or incomplete information to a Governmental Entity? (Please circle):

No

Yes

If you answered **yes** to question C1, please provide details regarding the finding of non-responsibility below.

Governmental Entity: _____

Date of Finding of Non-responsibility: _____

Basis of Finding of Non-Responsibility: _____

(Add additional pages as necessary)

2. Has any Governmental Entity or other governmental agency terminated or withheld a Procurement Contract with the above-named individual or entity due to the intentional provision of false or incomplete information? (Please circle):

No

Yes

If **yes**, please provide details below.

Governmental Entity: _____

Date of Termination or Withholding of Contract: _____

Basis of Termination or Withholding: _____

(Add additional pages as necessary)

D. Offerer/Bidder certifies that all information provided to the Department of Health with respect to State Finance Law §139-k is complete, true and accurate.

E. Offerer/Bidder agrees to provide the following documentation with their submitted bid/proposal:

1. A completed N.Y.S Taxation and Finance Contractor Certification Form ST-220.
2. A completed Contractor Disclosure of Contact form(s) as required in N.Y.S. Executive Order No. 127.
3. A completed N.Y.S. Office of the State Comptroller Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire (for procurements greater than or equal to \$100,000)

(Officer Signature)

(Date)

(Officer Title)

(Telephone)

(e-mail Address)

**NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

NO-BID FORM

PROCUREMENT TITLE: _____ FAU # _____

Bidders choosing not to bid are requested to complete the portion of the form below:

☐ We do not provide the requested services. Please remove our firm from your mailing list

☐ We are unable to bid at this time because:

Please retain our firm on your mailing list.

(Firm Name)

(Officer Signature)

(Date)

(Officer Title)

(Telephone)

(e-mail Address)

FAILURE TO RESPOND TO BID INVITATIONS MAY RESULT IN YOUR FIRM BEING REMOVED FROM OUR MAILING LIST FOR THIS SERVICE.

Appendix A
Standard Clauses for New York State Contracts

APPENDIX A

STANDARD CLAUSES FOR NEW YORK STATE CONTRACTS

**PLEASE RETAIN THIS DOCUMENT
FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.**

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STANDARD CLAUSES FOR NYS CONTRACTS

The parties to the attached contract, license, lease, amendment or other agreement of any kind (hereinafter, "the contract" or "this contract") agree to be bound by the following clauses which are hereby made a part of the contract (the word "Contractor" herein refers to any party other than the State, whether a contractor, licensor, licensee, lessor, lessee or any other party):

1. EXECUTORY CLAUSE. In accordance with Section 41 of the State Finance Law, the State shall have no liability under this contract to the Contractor or to anyone else beyond funds appropriated and available for this contract.

2. NON-ASSIGNMENT CLAUSE. In accordance with Section 138 of the State Finance Law, this contract may not be assigned by the Contractor or its right, title or interest therein assigned, transferred, conveyed, sublet or otherwise disposed of without the previous consent, in writing, of the State and any attempts to assign the contract without the State's written consent are null and void. The Contractor may, however, assign its right to receive payment without the State's prior written consent unless this contract concerns Certificates of Participation pursuant to Article 5-A of the State Finance Law.

3. COMPTROLLER'S APPROVAL. In accordance with Section 112 of the State Finance Law (or, if this contract is with the State University or City University of New York, Section 355 or Section 6218 of the Education Law), if this contract exceeds \$15,000 (or the minimum thresholds agreed to by the Office of the State Comptroller for certain S.U.N.Y. and C.U.N.Y. contracts), or if this is an amendment for any amount to a contract which, as so amended, exceeds said statutory amount, or if, by this contract, the State agrees to give something other than money when the value or reasonably estimated value of such consideration exceeds \$10,000, it shall not be valid, effective or binding upon the State until it has been approved by the State Comptroller and filed in his office. Comptroller's approval of contracts let by the Office of General Services is required when such contracts exceed \$30,000 (State Finance Law Section 163.6.a).

4. WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS. In accordance with Section 142 of the State Finance Law, this contract shall be void and of no force and effect unless the Contractor shall provide and maintain coverage during the life of this contract for the benefit of such employees as are required to be covered by the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Law.

5. NON-DISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS. To the extent required by Article 15 of the Executive Law (also known as the Human Rights Law) and all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions, the Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age, disability, genetic predisposition or carrier status, or marital status. Furthermore, in accordance with Section 220-e of the Labor Law, if this is a contract for the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work or for the manufacture, sale or distribution of materials, equipment or supplies, and to the extent that this contract shall be performed within the State of New York, Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall, by reason of race, creed, color, disability, sex, or national origin: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under this contract. If this is a building service contract as defined in Section 230 of the Labor Law, then, in accordance with Section 239 thereof, Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall by reason of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex or disability: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the

performance of work under this contract. Contractor is subject to fines of \$50.00 per person per day for any violation of Section 220-e or Section 239 as well as possible termination of this contract and forfeiture of all moneys due hereunder for a second or subsequent violation.

6. WAGE AND HOURS PROVISIONS. If this is a public work contract covered by Article 8 of the Labor Law or a building service contract covered by Article 9 thereof, neither Contractor's employees nor the employees of its subcontractors may be required or permitted to work more than the number of hours or days stated in said statutes, except as otherwise provided in the Labor Law and as set forth in prevailing wage and supplement schedules issued by the State Labor Department. Furthermore, Contractor and its subcontractors must pay at least the prevailing wage rate and pay or provide the prevailing supplements, including the premium rates for overtime pay, as determined by the State Labor Department in accordance with the Labor Law.

7. NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION. In accordance with Section 139-d of the State Finance Law, if this contract was awarded based upon the submission of bids, Contractor affirms, under penalty of perjury, that its bid was arrived at independently and without collusion aimed at restricting competition. Contractor further affirms that, at the time Contractor submitted its bid, an authorized and responsible person executed and delivered to the State a non-collusive bidding certification on Contractor's behalf.

8. INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT PROHIBITION. In accordance with Section 220-f of the Labor Law and Section 139-h of the State Finance Law, if this contract exceeds \$5,000, the Contractor agrees, as a material condition of the contract, that neither the Contractor nor any substantially owned or affiliated person, firm, partnership or corporation has participated, is participating, or shall participate in an international boycott in violation of the federal Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 USC App. Sections 2401 et seq.) or regulations thereunder. If such Contractor, or any of the aforesaid affiliates of Contractor, is convicted or is otherwise found to have violated said laws or regulations upon the final determination of the United States Commerce Department or any other appropriate agency of the United States subsequent to the contract's execution, such contract, amendment or modification thereto shall be rendered forfeit and void. The Contractor shall so notify the State Comptroller within five (5) business days of such conviction, determination or disposition of appeal (2NYCRR 105.4).

9. SET-OFF RIGHTS. The State shall have all of its common law, equitable and statutory rights of set-off. These rights shall include, but not be limited to, the State's option to withhold for the purposes of set-off any moneys due to the Contractor under this contract up to any amounts due and owing to the State with regard to this contract, any other contract with any State department or agency, including any contract for a term commencing prior to the term of this contract, plus any amounts due and owing to the State for any other reason including, without limitation, tax delinquencies, fee delinquencies or monetary penalties relative thereto. The State shall exercise its set-off rights in accordance with normal State practices including, in cases of set-off pursuant to an audit, the finalization of such audit by the State agency, its representatives, or the State Comptroller.

10. RECORDS. The Contractor shall establish and maintain complete and accurate books, records, documents, accounts and other evidence directly pertinent to performance under this contract (hereinafter, collectively, "the Records"). The Records must be kept for the balance of the calendar year in which they were made and for six (6) additional years thereafter. The State Comptroller, the Attorney General and any other person or entity authorized to conduct an examination, as well as the agency or agencies involved in this contract, shall have access to the Records during normal business hours at an office of the Contractor

within the State of New York or, if no such office is available, at a mutually agreeable and reasonable venue within the State, for the term specified above for the purposes of inspection, auditing and copying. The State shall take reasonable steps to protect from public disclosure any of the Records which are exempt from disclosure under Section 87 of the Public Officers Law (the "Statute") provided that: (i) the Contractor shall timely inform an appropriate State official, in writing, that said records should not be disclosed; and (ii) said records shall be sufficiently identified; and (iii) designation of said records as exempt under the Statute is reasonable. Nothing contained herein shall diminish, or in any way adversely affect, the State's right to discovery in any pending or future litigation.

11. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION AND PRIVACY NOTIFICATION.

(a) **FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER and/or FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.** All invoices or New York State standard vouchers submitted for payment for the sale of goods or services or the lease of real or personal property to a New York State agency must include the payee's identification number, i.e., the seller's or lessor's identification number. The number is either the payee's Federal employer identification number or Federal social security number, or both such numbers when the payee has both such numbers. Failure to include this number or numbers may delay payment. Where the payee does not have such number or numbers, the payee, on its invoice or New York State standard voucher, must give the reason or reasons why the payee does not have such number or numbers.

(b) **PRIVACY NOTIFICATION.** (1) The authority to request the above personal information from a seller of goods or services or a lessor of real or personal property, and the authority to maintain such information, is found in Section 5 of the State Tax Law. Disclosure of this information by the seller or lessor to the State is mandatory. The principal purpose for which the information is collected is to enable the State to identify individuals, businesses and others who have been delinquent in filing tax returns or may have understated their tax liabilities and to generally identify persons affected by the taxes administered by the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance. The information will be used for tax administration purposes and for any other purpose authorized by law.

(2) The personal information is requested by the purchasing unit of the agency contracting to purchase the goods or services or lease the real or personal property covered by this contract or lease. The information is maintained in New York State's Central Accounting System by the Director of Accounting Operations, Office of the State Comptroller, 110 State Street, Albany, New York 12236.

12. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITIES AND WOMEN.

In accordance with Section 312 of the Executive Law, if this contract is: (i) a written agreement or purchase order instrument, providing for a total expenditure in excess of \$25,000.00, whereby a contracting agency is committed to expend or does expend funds in return for labor, services, supplies, equipment, materials or any combination of the foregoing, to be performed for, or rendered or furnished to the contracting agency; or (ii) a written agreement in excess of \$100,000.00 whereby a contracting agency is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon; or (iii) a written agreement in excess of \$100,000.00 whereby the owner of a State assisted housing project is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon for such project, then:

(a) The Contractor will not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status, and will undertake or continue existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination. Affirmative action shall mean recruitment,

employment, job assignment, promotion, upgradings, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation;

(b) at the request of the contracting agency, the Contractor shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that such employment agency, labor union or representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the contractor's obligations herein; and

(c) the Contractor shall state, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, that, in the performance of the State contract, all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.

Contractor will include the provisions of "a", "b", and "c" above, in every subcontract over \$25,000.00 for the construction, demolition, replacement, major repair, renovation, planning or design of real property and improvements thereon (the "Work") except where the Work is for the beneficial use of the Contractor. Section 312 does not apply to: (i) work, goods or services unrelated to this contract; or (ii) employment outside New York State; or (iii) banking services, insurance policies or the sale of securities. The State shall consider compliance by a contractor or subcontractor with the requirements of any federal law concerning equal employment opportunity which effectuates the purpose of this section. The contracting agency shall determine whether the imposition of the requirements of the provisions hereof duplicate or conflict with any such federal law and if such duplication or conflict exists, the contracting agency shall waive the applicability of Section 312 to the extent of such duplication or conflict. Contractor will comply with all duly promulgated and lawful rules and regulations of the Governor's Office of Minority and Women's Business Development pertaining hereto.

13. CONFLICTING TERMS. In the event of a conflict between the terms of the contract (including any and all attachments thereto and amendments thereof) and the terms of this Appendix A, the terms of this Appendix A shall control.

14. GOVERNING LAW. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York except where the Federal supremacy clause requires otherwise.

15. LATE PAYMENT. Timeliness of payment and any interest to be paid to Contractor for late payment shall be governed by Article 11-A of the State Finance Law to the extent required by law.

16. NO ARBITRATION. Disputes involving this contract, including the breach or alleged breach thereof, may not be submitted to binding arbitration (except where statutorily authorized), but must, instead, be heard in a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of New York.

17. SERVICE OF PROCESS. In addition to the methods of service allowed by the State Civil Practice Law & Rules ("CPLR"), Contractor hereby consents to service of process upon it by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. Service hereunder shall be complete upon Contractor's actual receipt of process or upon the State's receipt of the return thereof by the United States Postal Service as refused or undeliverable. Contractor must promptly notify the State, in writing, of each and every change of address to which service of process can be made. Service by the State to the last known address shall be sufficient. Contractor will have thirty (30) calendar days after service hereunder is complete in which to respond.

18. PROHIBITION ON PURCHASE OF TROPICAL HARDWOODS. The Contractor certifies and warrants that all wood products to be used under this contract award will be in accordance with, but not limited to, the specifications and provisions of State Finance Law §165. (Use of Tropical Hardwoods) which prohibits purchase and use of tropical hardwoods, unless specifically exempted, by the State or any governmental agency or political subdivision or public benefit corporation. Qualification for an exemption under this law will be the responsibility of the contractor to establish to meet with the approval of the State.

In addition, when any portion of this contract involving the use of woods, whether supply or installation, is to be performed by any subcontractor, the prime Contractor will indicate and certify in the submitted bid proposal that the subcontractor has been informed and is in compliance with specifications and provisions regarding use of tropical hardwoods as detailed in §165 State Finance Law. Any such use must meet with the approval of the State; otherwise, the bid may not be considered responsive. Under bidder certifications, proof of qualification for exemption will be the responsibility of the Contractor to meet with the approval of the State.

19. MACBRIDE FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRINCIPLES. In accordance with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles (Chapter 807 of the Laws of 1992), the Contractor hereby stipulates that the Contractor either (a) has no business operations in Northern Ireland, or (b) shall take lawful steps in good faith to conduct any business operations in Northern Ireland in accordance with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles (as described in Section 165 of the New York State Finance Law), and shall permit independent monitoring of compliance with such principles.

20. OMNIBUS PROCUREMENT ACT OF 1992. It is the policy of New York State to maximize opportunities for the participation of New York State business enterprises, including minority and women-owned business enterprises as bidders, subcontractors and suppliers on its procurement contracts.

Information on the availability of New York State subcontractors and suppliers is available from:

NYS Department of Economic Development
Division for Small Business
30 South Pearl St -- 7th Floor
Albany, New York 12245
Telephone: 518-292-5220

A directory of certified minority and women-owned business enterprises is available from:

NYS Department of Economic Development
Division of Minority and Women's Business Development
30 South Pearl St -- 2nd Floor
Albany, New York 12245
<http://www.empire.state.ny.us>

The Omnibus Procurement Act of 1992 requires that by signing this bid proposal or contract, as applicable, Contractors certify that whenever the total bid amount is greater than \$1 million:

(a) The Contractor has made reasonable efforts to encourage the participation of New York State Business Enterprises as suppliers and subcontractors, including certified minority and women-owned business enterprises, on this project, and has retained the documentation of these efforts to be provided upon request to the State;

(b) The Contractor has complied with the Federal Equal Opportunity Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-261), as amended;

(c) The Contractor agrees to make reasonable efforts to provide notification to New York State residents of employment opportunities on this project through listing any such positions with the Job Service Division of the New York State Department of Labor, or providing such notification in such manner as is consistent with existing collective bargaining contracts or agreements. The Contractor agrees to document these efforts and to provide said documentation to the State upon request; and

(d) The Contractor acknowledges notice that the State may seek to obtain offset credits from foreign countries as a result of this contract and agrees to cooperate with the State in these efforts.

21. RECIPROCITY AND SANCTIONS PROVISIONS. Bidders are hereby notified that if their principal place of business is located in a country, nation, province, state or political subdivision that penalizes New York State vendors, and if the goods or services they offer will be substantially produced or performed outside New York State, the Omnibus Procurement Act 1994 and 2000 amendments (Chapter 684 and Chapter 383, respectively) require that they be denied contracts which they would otherwise obtain. NOTE: As of May 15, 2002, the list of discriminatory jurisdictions subject to this provision includes the states of South Carolina, Alaska, West Virginia, Wyoming, Louisiana and Hawaii. Contact NYS Department of Economic Development for a current list of jurisdictions subject to this provision.

22. PURCHASES OF APPAREL. In accordance with State Finance Law 162 (4-a), the State shall not purchase any apparel from any vendor unable or unwilling to certify that: (i) such apparel was manufactured in compliance with all applicable labor and occupational safety laws, including, but not limited to, child labor laws, wage and hours laws and workplace safety laws, and (ii) vendor will supply, with its bid (or, if not a bid situation, prior to or at the time of signing a contract with the State), if known, the names and addresses of each subcontractor and a list of all manufacturing plants to be utilized by the bidder.

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Appendix D1
New York State Department of Health General Specifications

APPENDIX D1

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS (Commodities and Non-Technology Services)

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GENERAL

1. APPLICABILITY The terms and conditions set forth in this Appendix D1 are expressly incorporated in and applicable to all procurements and resulting procurement contracts let by the Department of Health, or let by any other Issuing Entity where incorporated by reference in its Bid Documents. Appendix D1 shall govern such procurements or contracts unless expressly modified or amended by the terms of a Bid Specifications, or a negotiated Contract/Clarification document, if any. Captions are intended as descriptive and are not intended to limit or otherwise restrict the terms and conditions set forth herein.

2. GOVERNING LAW This procurement, the resulting contract and any purchase orders issued hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York except where the Federal supremacy clause requires otherwise, and actions or proceedings arising from the contract shall be heard in a court of competent jurisdiction in the State of New York.

3. APPENDIX A The terms of Appendix A (*Standard Clauses for New York State Contracts*) are expressly incorporated herein.

4. ETHICS COMPLIANCE All Bidders/Contractors and their employees must comply with the requirements of Sections 73 and 74 of the *Public Officers Law*, and other State codes, rules and regulations establishing ethical standards for the conduct of business with New York State. In signing the bid, Bidder certifies full compliance with those provisions for any present or future dealings, transactions, sales, contracts, services, offers, relationships, etc., involving New York State and/or its employees. Failure to comply with those provisions may result in disqualification from the bidding process, termination of contract, and/or other civil or criminal proceedings as required by law.

5. CONFLICT OF TERMS Conflicts between procurement or contract documents shall be resolved in the following order of precedence:

- a. Appendix A (*Standard Clauses for NYS Contracts*)
- b. **Contract/Clarification Documents**
Writing(s) setting forth the final agreements, clarifications, terms, statement of work and/or modifications between the Bid Documents and Contractor's Bid or Mini-bid.
- c. **Mini-Bid Project Definition** (If any)
- d. **Bid Documents** (Other than Appendix A)
 - i. Bid Specifications prepared by the Issuing Entity
 - ii. Appendix D1 (*General Specifications*)
- e. **Contractor's Bid or Mini-Bid Proposal**

6. DEFINITIONS Terms used in this Appendix D1 shall have the following meanings:

AGENCY OR AGENCIES The State of New York, acting by or through one or more departments, boards, commissions, offices or institutions of the State of New York.

ATTORNEY GENERAL Attorney General of the State of New York.

AUTHORIZED USER(S) Agencies, or any other entity authorized by the laws of the State of New York to participate in NYS centralized contracts (including but not limited to political subdivisions, public authorities, public benefit corporations and certain other entities set forth in law), or the State of New York acting on behalf of one or more such Agencies or other entities, provided that each such Agency or other

entity shall be held solely responsible for liabilities or payments due as a result of its participation.

BID OR BID PROPOSAL An offer or proposal submitted by a Bidder to furnish a described product or a solution or means of achieving a practical end, at a stated price for the stated contract term.

BIDDER Any individual or other legal entity, (including but not limited to partnership, firm or corporation) which submits a bid in response to a Bid Solicitation. The term Bidder shall also include "offeror." In the case of negotiated contracts, "Bidder" shall refer to the "Contractor."

BID DOCUMENTS Writings setting forth the scope, terms, conditions and technical specifications for a procurement of Product. Such writings typically include, but are not limited to: Invitation for Bids (IFB), Request for Quotation (RFQ), Request for Proposals (RFP), addenda or amendments thereto, and terms and conditions which are incorporated by reference, e.g. Appendix A (*Standard Clauses for NYS Contracts*), Appendix D1, (*General Specifications*). Where these *General Specifications* are incorporated in negotiated contracts which have not been competitively bid, the term "Bid Documents" shall be deemed to refer to the terms and conditions set forth in the negotiated contract.

BID SOLICITATION The notice or advertisement of an intent to purchase a specified Product by or on behalf of Authorized User(s).

BID SPECIFICATION A written description drafted by the Issuing Entity setting forth the specific terms of the intended procurement, which may include: physical or functional characteristics, the nature of a commodity or construction item, any description of the work to be performed, Products to be provided, the necessary qualifications of the Bidder, the capacity and capability of the Bidder to successfully carry out the proposed contract, or the process for achieving specific results and/or anticipated outcomes or any other requirement necessary to perform work. Where these *General Specifications* are incorporated in negotiated contracts which have not been competitively bid, the term "Bid Specifications" shall be deemed to refer to the terms and conditions set forth in the negotiated contract.

COMMISSIONER Commissioner of DOH, or in the case of Bid Specifications issued by an Issuing Entity, the head of such Issuing Entity or their authorized representative.

COMPTROLLER Comptroller of the State of New York.

CONTRACT The writing(s) which contain the agreement of the Commissioner and the Bidder/Contractor setting forth the total legal obligation between the parties as determined by applicable rules of law, and which most typically include the following classifications of public procurements:

a. **Agency Specific Contracts** Contracts where the specifications for a Product or a particular scope of work are described and defined to meet the needs of one or more Authorized User(s).

b. **Centralized Contracts** Single or multiple award contracts where the specifications for a Product or general scope of work are described and defined by the Department of Health to meet the needs of Authorized Users. Centralized Contracts may be awarded on a sole source, single source, emergency or competitive basis. Once established, procurements may be made from the selected Contractor(s) without further competition or mini-bid unless otherwise required by the Bid Specifications.

c. **Back-Drop Contracts** Multiple award centralized contracts where the Department of Health defines the specifications for a Product

or general scope of work to meet the needs of Authorized Users. Bids may be submitted either at a date and time certain or may be accepted on a continuous recruitment basis, as set forth in the Bid Specifications. Selection of a Contractor from among back-drop contract holders for an actual Product, project or particular scope of work may subsequently be made on a single or sole source basis, or on the basis of a mini-bid among qualified back-drop contract holders, or such other method as set forth in the Bid Document.

d. Piggyback Contract A contract let by any department, agency or instrumentality of the United States government, or any department, agency, office, political subdivision or instrumentality of any state or state(s) which is adopted and extended for use in accordance with the requirements of the *State Finance Law*.

CONTRACT AWARD NOTIFICATION An announcement to Authorized Users that a contract has been established.

CONTRACTOR Any successful Bidder(s) to whom a contract has been awarded by the Commissioner.

EMERGENCY An urgent and unexpected requirement where health and public safety or the conservation of public resources is at risk.

ERROR CORRECTIONS Machine executable software code furnished by Contractor which corrects the Product so as to conform to the applicable warranties, performance standards and/or obligations of the Contractor.

GROUP A classification of Product (commodities, services or technology).

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) A type of Bid Document which is most typically used where requirements can be stated and award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder(s).

ISSUING ENTITY The Department of Health or Authorized User who issues the Bid Documents for a procurement.

LATE BID For purposes of bid openings held and conducted by DOH, a bid not received in such place as may be designated in the Bid Specifications or in the DOH Mailroom located in the Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12242, at or before the date and time established in the Bid Specifications for the bid opening. For purposes of bid openings held and conducted by Issuing Entities other than DOH, the term late bid is defined as a bid not received in the location established in the Bid Specifications at or before the date and time specified for the bid opening.

LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE A letter to the successful Bidder(s) indicating acceptance of its bid in response to a solicitation. Unless otherwise specified, the issuance of a Letter of Acceptance forms a contract but is not an order for Product, and Contractor should not take any action with respect to actual contract deliveries except on the basis of Purchase Orders sent from Authorized User(s).

LICENSED SOFTWARE Software transferred upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Contract. "Licensed Software" includes error corrections, upgrades, enhancements or new releases, and any deliverables due under a maintenance or service contract (e.g. patches, fixes, PTFs, programs, code or data conversion, or custom programming).

LICENSEE One or more Authorized Users who acquire Product from Contractor by issuing a Purchase Order in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract; provided that, for purposes of compliance with an individual license, the term "Licensee" shall be deemed to refer separately to the individual Authorized User(s) who

took receipt of and who is executing the Product, and who shall be solely responsible for performance and liabilities incurred.

LICENSOR A Contractor who transfers rights in proprietary Product to Authorized Users in accordance with the rights and obligations specified in the Contract.

MINI-BID PROJECT DEFINITION A Bid Document containing project specific bid specifications developed by or for an Authorized User which solicits bids from Contractors previously qualified under a Back-Drop Contract.

MULTIPLE AWARD A determination and award of a contract in the discretion of the Commissioner to more than one responsive and responsible Bidder who meets the requirements of a specification, where the multiple award is made on the grounds set forth in the Bid Document in order to satisfy multiple factors and needs of Authorized Users (e.g., complexity of items, various manufacturers, differences in performance required to accomplish or produce required end results, production and distribution facilities, price, compliance with delivery requirements, geographic location or other pertinent factors).

NEW PRODUCT RELEASES (Product Revisions) Any commercially released revisions to the version of a Product as may be generally offered and available to Authorized Users. New releases involve a substantial revision of functionality from a previously released version of the Product.

DOH The New York State Department of Health

PROCUREMENT RECORD Documentation by the Issuing Entity of the decisions made and approach taken during the procurement process.

PRODUCT A deliverable under any Bid or Contract which may include commodities (including printing), services and/or technology. The term "Product" includes Licensed Software.

PURCHASE ORDER The Authorized User's fiscal form or format which is used when making a purchase.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) A type of Bid Document which is used for procurements where factors in addition to cost are considered and weighted in awarding the contract and where the method of award is "best value", as defined by the *State Finance Law*.

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ) A type of Bid Document which can be used when a formal bid opening is not required (e.g. discretionary, sole source, single source or emergency purchases).

RESPONSIBLE BIDDER A Bidder that is determined to have skill, judgment and integrity, and that is found to be competent, reliable, experienced and qualified financially, as determined by the Commissioner.

RESPONSIVE BIDDER A Bidder meeting the specifications or requirements prescribed in the Bid Document or solicitation, as determined by the Commissioner.

SINGLE SOURCE A procurement where two or more offerors can supply the required Product, and the Commissioner may award the contract to one Bidder over the other.

SOLE SOURCE A procurement where only one offeror is capable of supplying the required Product.

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7. INTERNATIONAL BIDDING All offers (tenders), and all information and Product required by the solicitation or provided as explanation thereof, shall be submitted in English. All prices shall be expressed, and all payments shall be made, in United States Dollars (\$ US). Any offers (tenders) submitted which do not meet the above criteria will be rejected.

8. BID OPENING Bids may, as applicable, be opened publicly. The Commissioner reserves the right at any time to postpone or cancel a scheduled bid opening.

9. BID SUBMISSION All bids are to be packaged, sealed and submitted to the location stated in the Bid Specifications. Bidders are solely responsible for timely delivery of their bids to the location set forth in the Bid Specifications prior to the stated bid opening date/time.

A bid return envelope, if provided with the Bid Specifications, should be used with the bid sealed inside. If the bid response does not fit into the envelope, the bid envelope should be taped onto the outside of the sealed box or package with the bid inside. If using a commercial delivery company which requires use of their shipping package or envelope, Bidder's sealed bid, labeled as detailed below, should be placed within the shipper's sealed envelope to ensure that the bid is not prematurely opened.

All bids must have a label on the outside of the package or shipping container outlining the following information:

"BID ENCLOSED (bold print, all capitals)

- Group Number
- IFB or RFP Number
- Bid Submission date and time"

In the event that a Bidder fails to provide such information on the return bid envelope or shipping material, the receiving entity reserves the right to open the shipping package or envelope to determine the proper bid number or Product group, and the date and time of bid opening. Bidder shall have no claim against the receiving entity arising from such opening and such opening shall not affect the validity of the bid or the procurement.

Notwithstanding the receiving agency's right to open a bid to ascertain the foregoing information, Bidder assumes all risk of late delivery associated with the bid not being identified, packaged or labeled in accordance with the foregoing requirements.

10. FACSIMILE SUBMISSIONS Unless specifically prohibited by the terms of the Bid Specifications, facsimile bids may be SUBMITTED AT THE SOLE OPTION AND RISK OF THE BIDDER. Only the FAX number(s) indicated in the Bid Specifications may be used. Access to the facsimile machine(s) is on a "first come, first serve" basis, and the Commissioner bears no liability or responsibility and makes no guarantee whatsoever with respect to the Bidder's access to such equipment at any specific time. Bidders are solely responsible for submission and receipt of the entire facsimile bid by the Issuing Entity prior to bid opening and must include on the first page of the transmission the total number of pages transmitted in the facsimile, including the cover page. Incomplete, ambiguous or unreadable transmissions in whole or in part may be rejected at the sole discretion of the Commissioner. Facsimile bids are fully governed by all conditions outlined in the Bid Documents and must be submitted on forms or in the format required in the Bid Specifications, including the executed signature page and acknowledgment.

11. AUTHENTICATION OF FACSIMILE BIDS The act of submitting a bid by facsimile transmission, including an executed

signature page, shall be deemed a confirming act by Bidder which authenticates the signing of the bid.

12. LATE BIDS Any bid received at the specified location after the time specified will be considered a late bid. A late bid shall not be considered for award unless i) no timely bids meeting the requirements of the Bid Documents are received or, ii) in the case of a multiple award, an insufficient number of timely bids were received to satisfy the multiple award; and acceptance of the late bid is in the best interests of the Issuing Entity. Delays in United States mail deliveries or any other means of transmittal, including couriers or agents of the Issuing Entity, shall not excuse late bid submissions.

13. BID CONTENTS Bids must be complete and legible. All bids must be signed. All information required by the Bid Specifications must be supplied by the Bidder on the forms or in the format specified. No alteration, erasure or addition is to be made to the Bid Documents. Changes may be ignored by the Commissioner or may be grounds for rejection of the bid. Changes, corrections and/or use of white-out in the bid or Bidder's response portion of the Bid Document must be initialed by an authorized representative of the Bidder. Bidders are cautioned to verify their bids before submission, as amendments to bids or requests for withdrawal of bids received by the Commissioner after the time specified for the bid opening, may not be considered.

14. EXTRANEOUS TERMS Bids must conform to the terms set forth in the Bid Documents, as extraneous terms or material deviations (including additional, inconsistent, conflicting or alternative terms) may render the bid non-responsive and may result in rejection of the bid.

Extraneous term(s) submitted on standard, pre-printed forms (including but not limited to: product literature, order forms, license agreements, contracts or other documents) which are attached or referenced with submissions shall not be considered part of the bid or resulting contract, but shall be deemed included for informational or promotional purposes only.

Only those extraneous terms which meet all the following requirements will be considered as having been submitted as part of the Bid:

- a. Each proposed extraneous term (addition, counter-offer, deviation, or modification) must be specifically enumerated in a writing which is not part of a pre-printed form; and
- b. The writing must identify the particular specification requirement (if any) which Bidder rejects or proposes to modify by inclusion of the extraneous term; and
- c. The Bidder shall enumerate the proposed addition, counter offer, modification or deviation from the Bid Document, and the reasons therefore.

No extraneous term(s), whether or not deemed "material," shall be incorporated into a contract or Purchase Order unless submitted in accordance with the above and the Commissioner expressly accepts each such term(s) in writing. Acceptance and/or processing of the Bid shall not constitute such written acceptance of Extraneous Term(s).

15. CONFIDENTIAL / TRADE SECRET MATERIALS Confidential, trade secret or proprietary materials as defined by the laws of the State of New York must be clearly marked and identified as such upon submission. Bidders/Contractors intending to seek an exemption from disclosure of these materials under the *Freedom of Information Law* must request the exemption in writing, setting forth the reasons for the claimed exemption, at the time of submission. Acceptance of the claimed materials does not constitute a determination on the exemption request, which determination will be made in accordance with statutory procedures.

16. PREVAILING WAGE RATES - PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDING SERVICES CONTRACTS *If any portion of work being bid is subject to the prevailing wage rate provisions of the Labor Law, the following shall apply:*

- a. **“Public Works” and “Building Services” - Definitions**
 - i. **Public Works** *Labor Law Article 8 applies to contracts for public improvement in which laborers, workers or mechanics are employed on a “public works” project (distinguished from public “procurement” or “service” contracts). The State, a public benefit corporation, a municipal corporation (including a school district), or a commission appointed by law must be a party to the contract. The wage and hours provision applies to any work performed by Contractor or subcontractors.*
 - ii. **Building Services** *Labor Law Article 9 applies to contracts for building service work over \$1,500 with a public agency, which 1) involve the care or maintenance of an existing building, or 2) involve the transportation of office furniture or equipment to or from such building, or 3) involve the transportation and delivery of fossil fuel to such building, and 4) the principal purpose of which is to furnish services through use of building service employees.*
- b. **Prevailing Wage Rate Applicable to Bid Submissions** *A copy of the applicable prevailing wage rates to be paid or provided are attached to the solicitation. Bidders must submit bids which are based upon the prevailing hourly wages, and supplements in cash or equivalent benefits (i.e., fringe benefits and any cash or non-cash compensation which are not wages, as defined by law) that equal or exceed the applicable prevailing wage rate(s) for the location where the work is to be performed. Where the Bid Documents require the Bidder to enumerate hourly wage rates in the bid, Bidders may not submit bids based upon hourly wage rates and supplements below the applicable prevailing wage rates as established by the New York State Department of Labor. **Bids which fail to comply with this requirement will be disqualified.***
- c. **Wage Rate Payments / Changes During Contract Term** *The wages to be paid under any resulting contract shall not be less than the prevailing rate of wages and supplements as set forth by law. It is required that the Contractor keep informed of all changes in the Prevailing Wage Rates during the contract term that apply to the classes of individuals supplied by the Contractor on any projects which result from this contract which are subject to the provisions of the Labor Law. Contractor is solely liable for and must pay such required prevailing wage adjustments during the contract term as required by law.*
- d. **Public Posting & Certified Payroll Records** *In compliance with Article 8, Section 220 of the Labor Law, as amended by Chapter 565 of the Laws of 1997:*
 - i. **Posting** *The Contractor must publicly post on the work site, in a prominent and accessible place, a legible schedule of the prevailing wage rates and supplements.*
 - ii. **Payroll Records** *Contractors and sub-contractors must keep original payrolls or transcripts subscribed and affirmed as true under the penalties of perjury as required by law. For public works contracts over \$25,000 where the Contractor maintains no regular place of business in New York State, such records must be kept at the work site. For building services contracts, such records must be kept at the work site while work is being performed.*
 - iii. **Submission of Certified Payroll Transcripts for Public Works Contracts Only** *Contractors and sub-contractors on public*

works projects must submit monthly payroll transcripts to the issuing entity which has prepared or directs the preparation of the plans and specifications for a public works project, as set forth in the Bid Specifications. For mini-bid solicitations, the payroll records must be submitted to the entity preparing the agency mini-bid project specification. For “agency specific” bids, the payroll records should be submitted to the entity issuing the purchase order. For all other DOH centralized contracts, such records should be submitted to the individual agency issuing the purchase order(s) for the work. Upon mutual agreement of the Contractor and the issuing entity, the form of submission may be submitted in a specified disk format acceptable to the Department of Labor provided: 1) the Contractor/subcontractor retains the original records; and, (2) an original signed letter by a duly authorized individual of the Contractor or subcontractor attesting to the truth and accuracy of the records accompanies the disk. **This provision does not apply to building services contracts.**

iv. **Records Retention** *Contractors and subcontractors must preserve such certified transcripts for a period of three years from the date of completion of work on the awarded contract.*

e. **Day’s Labor - Defined for Article 8, Public Works (For Purposes of Article 8 of the Labor Law)** *No laborer, worker or mechanic in the employ of the Contractor, subcontractor or other person doing or contracting to do all or part of the work contemplated by the contract shall be permitted or required to work more than eight hours in any one calendar day or more than five days in any one week except in cases of extraordinary emergency including fire, flood or danger to life or property. “Extraordinary emergency” shall be deemed to include situations in which sufficient laborers, workers and mechanics cannot be employed to carry on public work expeditiously as a result of such restrictions upon the number of hours and days of labor and the immediate commencement or prosecution or completion without undue delay of the public work is necessary in the judgment of the NYS Commissioner of Labor for the preservation of the contract site or for the protection of the life and limb of the persons using the contract site.*

17. TAXES

- a. *Unless otherwise specified in the Bid Specifications, the quoted bid price includes all taxes applicable to the transaction.*
- b. *Purchases made by the State of New York and certain non-State Authorized Users are exempt from New York State and local sales taxes and, with certain exceptions, federal excise taxes. To satisfy the requirements of the New York State Sales tax exemption, either the Purchase Order issued by a State Agency or the invoice forwarded to authorize payment for such purchases will be sufficient evidence that the sale by the Contractor was made to the State, an exempt organization under Section 1116 (a) (1) of the Tax Law. Non-State Authorized Users must offer their own proof of exemption where required. No person, firm or corporation is, however, exempt from paying the State Truck Mileage and Unemployment Insurance or Federal Social Security taxes, which remain the sole responsibility of the Bidder/Contractor.*
- c. *Purchases by Authorized Users other than the State of New York may be subject to such taxes, and in those instances the tax should be computed based on the contract price and added to the invoice submitted to such entity for payment.*

18. EXPENSES PRIOR TO CONTRACT EXECUTION *The Issuing Entity is not liable for any costs incurred by a Bidder in the preparation and production of a bid or for any work performed prior to contract execution.*

19. ADVERTISING BID RESULTS A Bidder in submitting a bid agrees not to use the results therefrom as a part of any commercial advertising without the prior written approval of the Commissioner.

20. PRODUCT REFERENCES

a. “Or Equal” In all Bid Specifications the words “or equal” are understood to apply where a copyright brand name, trade name, catalog reference, or patented Product is referenced. References to such specific Product are intended as descriptive, not restrictive, unless otherwise stated. Comparable Product will be considered if proof of compatibility is provided, including appropriate catalog excerpts, descriptive literature, specifications and test data, etc. The Commissioner’s decision as to acceptance of the Product as equal shall be final.

b. Discrepancies in References In the event of a discrepancy between the model number referenced in the Bid Specifications and the written description of the Products therein which cannot be reconciled, with respect to such discrepancy, then the written description shall prevail.

21. RECYCLED OR RECOVERED MATERIALS Upon the conditions specified in the Bid Specifications and in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, Contractors are encouraged to use recycled or recovered materials in the manufacture of Products and packaging to the maximum extent practicable without jeopardizing the performance or intended end use of the Product or packaging unless such use is precluded due to health, welfare, safety requirements or in the Bid Specifications. Where such use is not practical, suitable, or permitted by the Bid Specifications, Contractor shall deliver new materials in accordance with the “Warranties” set forth below.

Refurbished or remanufactured components or items may only be accepted at the discretion of the Commissioner, or upon the conditions set forth in the Bid Specifications.

Items with recycled, recovered, refurbished or remanufactured content must be identified in the bid or will be deemed new Product.

22. PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS Bids offering Products which are manufactured or produced in public institutions will be rejected.

23. PRICING

a. Unit Pricing If required by the Bid Specifications, the Bidder should insert the price per unit specified and the price extensions in decimals, not to exceed four places for each item, in the bid. In the event of a discrepancy between the unit price and the extension, the unit price shall govern unless, in the sole judgment of the Commissioner, such unit pricing is obviously erroneous.

b. Net Pricing Unless otherwise required by the Bid Specifications, prices shall be net, including transportation, customs, tariff, delivery and other charges fully prepaid by the Contractor to the destination(s) indicated in the Bid Specifications, subject to the cash discount.

c. “No Charge” Bid When bids are requested on a number of Products as a group or Lot, a Bidder desiring to bid “no charge” on a Product in the grouping or Lot must clearly indicate such. Otherwise, such bid may be considered incomplete and be rejected, in whole or in part, at the discretion of the Commissioner.

d. Educational Pricing All Products to be supplied for educational purposes that are subject to educational discounts shall be identified in the bid and such discounts shall be made available to qualifying institutions.

e. COPS or Third Party Financing If acquisition of Product is financed through Certificates of Participation (COPS) or third party financing, Contractor may be required as a condition of contract award to agree to the terms and conditions of a “Consent & Acknowledgment Agreement” in a form acceptable to the Commissioner.

24. DRAWINGS

a. Drawings Submitted With Bid When the Bid Specifications require the Bidder to furnish drawings and/or plans, such drawings and/or plans shall conform to the mandates of the Bid Documents and shall, when approved by the Commissioner, be considered a part of the bid and of any resulting contract. All symbols and other representations appearing on the drawings shall be considered a part of the drawing.

b. Drawings Submitted During the Contract Term Where required to develop, maintain and deliver diagrams or other technical schematics regarding the scope of work, Contractor shall do so on an ongoing basis at no additional charge, and must, as a condition of payment, update drawings and plans during the contract term to reflect additions, alterations, and deletions. Such drawings and diagrams shall be delivered to the Authorized User’s representative.

c. Accuracy of Drawings Submitted All drawings shall be neat and professional in manner and shall be clearly labeled as to locations and type of product, connections and components. Drawings and diagrams are to be in compliance with accepted drafting standards. Acceptance or approval of such plans shall not relieve the Contractor from responsibility for design or other errors of any sort in the drawings or plans, or from its responsibility for performing as required, furnishing product, services or installation, or carrying out any other requirements of the intended scope of work.

25. SITE INSPECTION Where a site inspection is required by the Bid Specifications or Project Definition, Bidder shall be required to inspect the site, including environmental or other conditions or pre-existing deficiencies in the installed product, equipment or environment, which may affect Bidder’s ability to properly deliver, install or otherwise provide the required Product. All inquiries regarding such conditions shall be made in writing. Bidder shall be deemed to have knowledge of any deficiencies or conditions which such inspection or inquiry might have disclosed. Bidder must provide with its bid a detailed explanation if additional work is required under this clause in order to properly complete the delivery and installation of the required Product.

26. PROCUREMENT CARD The State of New York has entered into agreements for purchasing and travel card services. The Purchasing Card enables Authorized Users to make authorized purchases directly from a Contractor without processing the Purchase Orders or Purchase Authorizations currently required. Purchasing Cards are issued to selected employees authorized to purchase for the Authorized User and having direct contact with Contractors. Cardholders can make purchases directly from any Contractor that accepts the Purchasing Card.

The Contractor shall not process a transaction for payment through the credit card clearinghouse until the purchased Products have been shipped or services performed. Unless the cardholder requests correction or replacement of a unsatisfactory, defective or faulty Product in accordance with other contract requirements, the Contractor shall immediately credit a cardholder’s account for Products deemed unsatisfactory, defective or faulty.

27. SAMPLES

a. Standard Samples Bid Specifications may indicate that the Product to be purchased must be equal to a standard sample on display in a place designated by the Commissioner and such sample will be

made available to the Bidder for examination prior to the opening date. Failure by the Bidder to examine such sample shall not entitle the Bidder to any relief from the conditions imposed by the Bid Documents.

b. Bidder Supplied Samples The Commissioner reserves the right to request from the Bidder/Contractor a representative sample(s) of the Product offered at any time prior to or after award of a contract. Unless otherwise instructed, samples shall be furnished within the time specified in the request. Untimely submission of a sample may constitute grounds for rejection of bid or cancellation of the Contract. Samples must be submitted free of charge and be accompanied by the Bidder's name and address, any descriptive literature relating to the Product and a statement indicating how and where the sample is to be returned. Where applicable, samples must be properly labeled with the appropriate bid or NYS contract reference.

A sample may be held by the Commissioner during the entire term of the contract and for a reasonable period thereafter for comparison with deliveries. At the conclusion of the holding period the sample, where feasible, will be returned as instructed by the Bidder, at the Bidder's expense and risk. Where the Bidder has failed to fully instruct the Commissioner as to the return of the sample (i.e. mode and place of return, etc.) or refuses to bear the cost of its return, the sample shall become the sole property of the receiving entity at the conclusion of the holding period.

c. Enhanced Samples When an approved sample exceeds the minimum specifications, all Product delivered must be of the same enhanced quality and identity as the sample. Thereafter, in the event of a Contractor's default, the Commissioner may procure a commodity substantially equal to the enhanced sample from other sources, charging the Contractor for any additional costs incurred.

d. Conformance with Sample(s) Submission of a sample (whether or not such sample is tested by, or for, the Commissioner) and approval thereof shall not relieve the Contractor from full compliance with all conditions and terms, performance related and otherwise, specified in the Bid Documents. If in the judgment of the Commissioner the sample or product submitted is not in accordance with the specifications or testing requirements prescribed in the Bid Documents, the Commissioner may reject the bid. If an award has been made, the Commissioner may cancel the contract at the expense of the Contractor.

e. Testing All samples are subject to tests in the manner and place designated by the Commissioner, either prior to or after contract award. Unless otherwise stated in the Bid Specifications, Bidder Samples consumed or rendered useless by testing will not be returned to the Bidder.

f. Requests For Samples By Authorized Users Requests for samples by Authorized Users require the consent of the Contractor. Where Contractor refuses to furnish a sample, Authorized User may, in its sole discretion, make a determination on the performance capability of the Product or on the issue in question.

BID EVALUATION

28. BID EVALUATION The Commissioner reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, or separable portions of offers, and waive technicalities, irregularities, and omissions if the Commissioner determines the best interests of the State will be served. The Commissioner, in his/her sole discretion, may accept or reject illegible, incomplete or vague bids and his/her decision shall be final. A conditional or revocable bid which clearly communicates the terms or limitations of acceptance may be considered and contract award may be

made in compliance with the Bidder's conditional or revocable terms in the offer.

29. CONDITIONAL BID Unless the Bid Specifications provides otherwise, a bid is not rendered non-responsive if the Bidder specifies that the award will be accepted only on all or a specified group of items or Product included in the specification. It is understood that nothing herein shall be deemed to change or alter the method of award contained in the Bid Documents.

30. CLARIFICATIONS / REVISIONS Prior to award, the Commissioner reserves the right to seek clarifications, request bid revisions, or to request any information deemed necessary for proper evaluation of bids from all Bidders deemed to be eligible for contract award. Failure to provide requested information may result in rejection of the bid.

31. PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNTS While prompt payment discounts will not be considered in determining the low bid, the Commissioner may consider any prompt payment discount in resolving bids which are otherwise tied. However, any notation indicating that the price is net, (e.g. net 30 days), shall be understood to mean only that no prompt payment discount is offered by the Bidder. The imposition of service, interest, or other charges, except pursuant to the provisions of Article 11-A of the *State Finance Law*, which are applicable in any case, may render the bid non-responsive and may be cause for its rejection.

32. EQUIVALENT OR IDENTICAL BIDS In the event two offers are found to be substantially equivalent, price shall be the basis for determining the award recipient. If two or more Bidders submit substantially equivalent bids as to pricing or other factors, the decision of the Commissioner to award a contract to one or more of such Bidders shall be final.

33. PERFORMANCE QUALIFICATIONS The Commissioner reserves the right to investigate or inspect at any time whether or not the Product, qualifications or facilities offered by the Bidder/Contractor meet the requirements set forth in the Bid Documents. Contractor shall at all times during the contract term remain responsible and responsive. A Bidder/Contractor must be prepared, if requested by the Commissioner, to present evidence of experience, ability and financial standing, as well as a statement as to plant, machinery and capacity of the manufacturer for the production, distribution and servicing of the Product bid. If the Commissioner determines that the conditions and terms of the Bid Documents or Contract are not complied with, or that items or Product proposed to be furnished do not meet the specified requirements, or that the qualifications, financial standing or facilities are not satisfactory, or that performance is untimely, the Commissioner may reject such bid or terminate the contract. Nothing in the foregoing shall mean or imply that it is obligatory upon the Commissioner to make an investigation either before or after award of a contract, but should such investigation be made, it in no way relieves the Bidder/Contractor from fulfilling all requirements and conditions of the contract.

34. DISQUALIFICATION FOR PAST PERFORMANCE Bidder may be disqualified from receiving awards if Bidder, or anyone in Bidder's employment, has previously failed to perform satisfactorily in connection with public bidding or contracts.

35. QUANTITY CHANGES PRIOR TO AWARD The Commissioner reserves the right, at any time prior to the award of a specific quantity contract, to alter in good faith the quantities listed in the Bid Specifications to conform with requirements. In the event such right is exercised, the lowest responsible Bidder meeting specifications will be advised of the revised requirements and afforded an opportunity to extend or reduce its bid price in relation to the changed quantities.

Refusal by the low Bidder to so extend or reduce its bid price may result in the rejection of its bid and the award of such contract to the lowest responsible Bidder who accepts the revised requirements.

36. RELEASE OF BID EVALUATION MATERIALS Requests concerning the evaluation of bids may be submitted under the *Freedom of Information Law*. Information, other than the Bid Tabulation, shall be released as required by law after contract award. Written requests should be directed to the Commissioner.

37. TIMEFRAME FOR OFFERS The Commissioner reserves the right to make awards within sixty (60) days after the date of the bid opening, during which period, bids must remain firm and cannot be withdrawn. If, however, an award is not made within the sixty (60) day period, bids shall remain firm until such later time as either a contract is awarded or the Bidder delivers to the Commissioner written notice of the withdrawal of its bid. Any bid which expressly states therein that acceptance must be made within a shorter specified time, may at the sole discretion of the Commissioner, be accepted or rejected.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

38. CONTRACT CREATION / EXECUTION Except for contracts governed by Article 11-B of the *State Finance Law*, upon receipt of all required approvals a Contract shall be deemed executed and created with the successful Bidder(s) upon the Commissioner's mailing or electronic communication to the address on the bid of: i) a Letter of Acceptance; ii) a fully executed contract; or iii) a Purchase Order authorized by the Commissioner.

39. PARTICIPATION IN CENTRALIZED CONTRACTS The following shall not limit or inhibit the DOH Commissioner's authority under *State Finance Law*, Section 163 (10) (e) (Piggybacking):

a. Agencies All State Agencies may utilize and purchase under any state centralized contract let by the Department of Health, unless the Bid Specifications limit purchases to specific State Agencies.

b. Non-State Agency Authorized Users Authorized Users other than state agencies are permitted to make purchases through state centralized contracts where permitted by law, the contract or the DOH Commissioner.

c. Voluntary Extension Purchase Orders issued against a State centralized contract by any Authorized User not provided for in the Bid Specifications shall be honored by the Contractor at its discretion and only with the approval of the DOH Commissioner and any other approvals required by law. Contractors are encouraged to voluntarily extend service contracts to those additional entities authorized to utilize commodity contracts under Section 163 (3) (iv) of the *State Finance Law*, which would comprise all entities authorized under prior laws.

d. Responsibility for Performance Participation in New York State centralized contracts by Authorized Users is permitted upon the following conditions: a) the responsibility with regard to performance of any contractual obligation, covenant, condition or term thereunder by any Authorized User other than State Agencies shall be borne and is expressly assumed by such Authorized User and not by the State; b) a breach of the contract by any particular Authorized User shall neither constitute nor be deemed a breach of the contract as a whole which shall remain in full force and effect, and shall not affect the validity of the contract nor the obligations of the Contractor thereunder respecting non-breaching Authorized Users, whether State or otherwise; c) for a breach by an Authorized User other than a State Agency, the State specifically and expressly disclaims any and all liability for such breach; and d) each non-state agency Authorized User and Contractor guarantees to save the

State, its officers, agents and employees harmless from any liability that may be or is imposed by their failure to perform in accordance with its obligations under the contract.

40. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT TERMS The terms and conditions set forth in the Contract shall govern all transactions by Authorized User(s) under this Contract. The Contract may only be modified or amended upon mutual written agreement of the Commissioner and Contractor.

The Contractor may, however, offer Authorized User(s) more advantageous pricing, payment, or other terms and conditions than those set forth in the Contract. In such event, a copy of such terms shall be furnished to the Authorized User(s) and Commissioner by the Contractor.

Other than where such terms are more advantageous for the Authorized User(s) than those set forth in the Contract, no alteration or modification of the terms of the Contract, including substitution of Product, shall be valid or binding against Authorized User(s) unless authorized by the Commissioner or specified in the Contract Award Notification. No such alteration or modification shall be made by unilaterally affixing such terms to Product upon delivery (including, but not limited to, attachment or inclusion of standard pre-printed order forms, product literature, "shrink wrap" terms accompanying software upon delivery, or other documents) or by incorporating such terms onto order forms, purchase orders or other documents forwarded by the Contractor for payment, notwithstanding Authorized User's subsequent acceptance of Product, or that Authorized User has subsequently processed such document for approval or payment.

41. SCOPE CHANGES The Commissioner reserves the right, unilaterally, to require, by written order, changes by altering, adding to or deducting from the contract specifications, such changes to be within the general scope of the contract. The Commissioner may make an equitable adjustment in the contract price or delivery date if the change affects the cost or time of performance. Such equitable adjustments require the consent of the Contractor, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

42. ESTIMATED / SPECIFIC QUANTITY CONTRACTS Estimated quantity contracts are expressly agreed and understood to be made for only the quantities, if any, actually ordered during the contract term. No guarantee of any estimated quantity(s) is implied or given. Unless otherwise set forth in the Bid Specifications, contracts for services and technology are completely voluntary as to use, and therefore no quantities are guaranteed.

With respect to any specific quantity stated in the contract, the Commissioner reserves the right after award to order up to 20% more or less (rounded to the next highest whole number) than the specific quantities called for in the contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Commissioner may purchase greater or lesser percentages of contract quantities should the Commissioner and Contractor so agree. Such agreement may include an equitable price adjustment.

43. BEST PRICING OFFER During the contract term, if substantially the same or a smaller quantity of a Product is sold by the Contractor outside of this contract vehicle upon the same or similar terms and conditions as that of this contract at a lower price, the price under this contract, at the discretion of the Commissioner, shall be immediately reduced to the lower price.

44. PURCHASE ORDERS Unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Commissioner, no Products are to be delivered or furnished by Contractor until transmittal of an official Purchase Order from the Authorized User. Unless terminated or canceled pursuant to the

authority vested in the Commissioner, Purchase Orders shall be effective and binding upon the Contractor when placed in the mail or electronically transmitted prior to the termination of the contract period, addressed to the Contractor at the address for receipt of orders set forth in the Contract or in the Contract Award Notification.

All Purchase Orders issued pursuant to contracts let by the Commissioner must bear the appropriate contract number and, if necessary, required State approvals. Unless otherwise specified, all Purchase Orders against centralized contracts will be placed by Authorized Users directly with the Contractor and any discrepancy between the terms stated on the vendor's order form, confirmation or acknowledgment, and the contract terms shall be resolved in favor of the terms most favorable to the Authorized User.

If, with respect to an agency specific contract let by the DOH Commissioner, a Purchase Order is not received within two weeks after the issuance of a Contract Award Notification, it is the responsibility of the Contractor to request in writing that the appropriate Authorized User forward a Purchase Order. If, thereafter, a Purchase Order is not received within a reasonable period of time, the Contractor shall promptly notify the appropriate purchasing officer in DOH. Failure to timely notify such officer may, in the discretion of the DOH Commissioner and without cost to the State, result in the canceling of such requirement by the DOH Commissioner with, at the DOH Commissioner's discretion, a corresponding reduction in the contract quantity and price.

45. PRODUCT DELIVERY Delivery must be made as ordered and in accordance with the terms of the contract. Unless otherwise specified in the Bid Specifications, delivery shall be made within thirty calendar days after receipt of a purchase order by the Contractor. The decision of the Commissioner as to compliance with delivery terms shall be final. The burden of proof for delay in receipt of Purchase Order shall rest with the Contractor. In all instances of a potential or actual delay in delivery, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Commissioner and the Authorized User, and confirm in writing the explanation of the delay, and take appropriate action to avoid any subsequent late deliveries. Any extension of the time for delivery must be requested in writing by the Contractor and approved in writing by the Commissioner. Failure to meet such time schedule may be grounds for cancellation of the order or, in the Commissioner's discretion, the Contract.

46. WEEKEND AND HOLIDAY DELIVERIES Unless otherwise specified in the Bid Specifications or by an Authorized User, deliveries will not be scheduled for Saturdays, Sundays or legal holidays observed by the State of New York except of Product for daily consumption or where an emergency exists or the delivery is a replacement or is late, in which event the convenience of the Authorized User shall govern.

47. SHIPPING / RECEIPT OF PRODUCT

a. Packaging Tangible Product shall be securely and properly packed for shipment, storage and stocking in appropriate, clearly labeled shipping containers and according to accepted commercial practice, without extra charge for packing materials, cases or other types of containers. The container shall become and remain the property of the receiving entity unless otherwise specified in the contract documents.

b. Shipping Charges Unless otherwise stated in the Bid Specifications, all deliveries shall be deemed to be FOB Destination tailgate delivery at the dock of the Authorized User. Unless otherwise agreed, items purchased at a price F.O.B. Shipping point plus transportation charges are understood to not relieve the Contractor from responsibility for safe and proper delivery notwithstanding the Authorized User's payment of transportation charges. Contractor shall

be responsible for insuring that the Bill of Lading states "charges prepaid" for all shipments.

c. Receipt of Product The Contractor shall be solely responsible for assuring that deliveries are made to personnel authorized to accept delivery on behalf of the Authorized User. Any losses resulting from the Contractor's failure to deliver Product to authorized personnel shall be borne exclusively by the Contractor.

48. TITLE AND RISK OF LOSS Notwithstanding the form of shipment, title and risk of loss shall not pass from the Contractor to the Authorized User until the Products have been received, inspected and accepted by the receiving entity. Acceptance shall occur within a reasonable time or in accordance with such other defined acceptance period as may be specified in the Bid Specifications. Mere acknowledgment by Authorized User personnel of the delivery or receipt of goods (e.g. signed bill of lading) shall not be deemed or construed as acceptance of the Products received. Any delivery of Product which is substandard or does not comply with the Contract terms, may be rejected or accepted on an adjusted price basis, as determined by the Commissioner.

49. RE-WEIGHING PRODUCT Deliveries are subject to re-weighing at the point of destination by the receiving entity. If shrinkage occurs which exceeds that normally allowable in the trade, the receiving entity shall have the option to require delivery of the difference in quantity, or to reduce the payment accordingly.

50. PRODUCT SUBSTITUTION In the event a specified manufacturer's Product listed in the Contract becomes unavailable or cannot be supplied by the Contractor for any reason (except as provided for in the Force Majeure Clause below) a Product deemed by the Commissioner to be equal to or better than that specified must be substituted by the Contractor at no additional cost or expense to the Authorized User. Unless otherwise specified, any substitution of Product prior to the Commissioner's approval may be cause for cancellation of contract.

51. REJECTED PRODUCT When product is rejected, it must be removed by the Contractor from the premises of the receiving entity within ten calendar days of notification of rejection by Authorized User. Upon rejection notification, risk of loss of rejected or non-conforming product shall remain with Contractor. Rejected items not removed by the Contractor within ten calendar days of notification shall be regarded as abandoned by the Contractor, and the Authorized User shall have the right to dispose of the items as its own property. The Contractor shall promptly reimburse the Authorized User for any and all costs and expenses incurred in storage or effecting removal or disposition.

52. INSTALLATION Where installation is required, Bidder shall be responsible for placing and installing the equipment in the required locations. All materials used in the installation shall be of good quality and shall be free from any and all defects which would mar the appearance of the equipment or render it structurally unsound. Installation includes the furnishing of any equipment, rigging and materials required to install or replace the Product in the proper location. The Contractor shall protect the site from damage for all its work and shall repair damages or injury of any kind caused by the Contractor, its employees, officers or agents. If any alteration, dismantling or excavation, etc. is required to effect installation, the Contractor shall thereafter promptly restore the structure or site to its original condition. Work shall be performed so as to cause the least inconvenience to the Authorized User(s) and with proper consideration for the rights of other Contractors or workers. The Contractor shall promptly perform its work and shall coordinate its activities with those of other Contractors. The Contractor shall clean up and remove all

debris and rubbish from its work as required or directed. Upon completion of the work, the building and surrounding area of work shall be left clean and in a neat, unobstructed condition, and everything in satisfactory repair and order.

53. REPAIRED OR REPLACED PRODUCT / COMPONENTS

Where the Contractor is required to repair, replace or substitute products or components under the Contract, the repaired, replaced or substituted products shall be subject to all terms and conditions for new products set forth in the contract, including product warranties.

54. ON-SITE STORAGE Materials, equipment or supplies may be stored at the Authorized User's site at the Contractor's sole risk and only with the approval of the Authorized User.

55. EMPLOYEES / SUBCONTRACTORS / AGENTS

All employees, subcontractors or agents performing work under the contract must be trained technicians who meet or exceed the technical and training qualifications set forth in the Bid Specifications or the Bid, whichever is better, and must comply with all rules and requirements of the Contract. The Commissioner reserves the right to conduct a security background check or otherwise approve any employee or agent furnished by Contractor and to refuse access to or require replacement of any personnel for cause, including but not limited to, technical or training qualifications, quality of work or change in security status or non-compliance with Authorized User's security or other requirements. Such approval shall not relieve the Contractor of the obligation to perform all work in compliance with the contract terms. The Commissioner reserves the right to reject and/or bar from the facility for cause any employee, subcontractor, or agents of the Contractor.

56. ASSIGNMENT / SUBCONTRACTORS The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet, or otherwise dispose of the contract or its right, title or interest therein, or its power to execute such contract to any other person, company, firm or corporation in performance of the contract, other than the assignment of the right to receive money due, without the prior written consent of the Issuing Entity. Prior to an assignment of the right to receive money becoming effective, Contractor shall file a written notice of such assignment simultaneously with the NYS Comptroller, the Issuing Entity, and participating Authorized User(s).

The Commissioner reserves the right to reject any proposed subcontractor, assignee or supplier for bona fide business reasons, which may include, but are not limited to: that the proposed transferee is on the Department of Labor's list of companies with which New York State cannot do business; the Commissioner determines that the company is not qualified; unsatisfactory contract performance or service has been previously provided; or attempts were not made to solicit minority and women's business enterprises (M/WBE) bidders for the subcontract.

57. PERFORMANCE / BID BOND The Issuing Entity reserves the right to require the Bidder/Contractor to furnish without additional cost, a performance, payment or bid bond or negotiable irrevocable letter of credit or other form of security for the faithful performance of the contract. Where required, such bond or other security shall be in the form prescribed by the Commissioner.

58. SUSPENSION OF WORK The Commissioner, in his/her sole discretion, reserves the right to suspend any or all activities under this contract, at any time, in the best interests of the State or Issuing Entity. In the event of such suspension, the Contractor will be given a formal written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Examples of the reason for such suspension include, but are not limited to, a budget freeze on State spending, declaration of emergency, or other such circumstances. Upon issuance of such notice, the Contractor is not to

accept any purchase orders, and shall comply with the suspension order. Activity may resume at such time as the Commissioner issues a formal written notice authorizing a resumption of work.

59. TERMINATION

a. For Cause: For a material breach that remains uncured for more than thirty (30) days after written notice to the Contractor, the Contract or Purchase Order may be terminated by the Commissioner or Authorized User at the Contractor's expense where Contractor becomes unable or incapable of performing, or meeting any requirements or qualifications set forth in the Contract, or for non-performance, or upon a determination that Contractor is non-responsible. In such event, the Commissioner or Authorized User may complete the contractual requirements in any manner as it may deem advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.

If the annual volume of business done by the Contractor is less than the minimum annual volume criteria established for the Contract for two consecutive contract years, the Contract may be terminated for cause. For purposes of this paragraph, contract year is defined as the first full four quarters reported after award, in accordance with the Reporting/Monitoring Contract Performance clause included in the Contract, and each of the same four quarterly periods thereafter until contract termination.

b. Reserved

c. For Violation of Executive Order Number 127: The State reserves the right to terminate this contract in the event it is found that the certification filed by the Contractor in accordance with New York State Executive Order Number 127, signed by Governor Pataki on June 16, 2003, was intentionally false or intentionally incomplete. Upon such finding, the State may exercise its termination right by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the written notification terms in the contract.

60. SAVINGS/FORCE MAJEURE The Contractor shall not be responsible for delay resulting from its failure to perform if neither the fault nor negligence of the Contractor, its officers, employees or agents contributed to such delay and the delay is due directly to acts of God, wars, acts of public enemies, strikes, fires or floods, or other similar cause beyond the control of the Contractor, or for any of the foregoing which affect subcontractors or suppliers and no alternate source of supply is available to the Contractor. In such event, Contractor shall notify the Commissioner, by certified or registered mail, of the delay or potential delay and the cause(s) thereof either (a) within ten (10) calendar days after the cause which creates or will create the delay first arose if the Contractor could reasonably foresee that a delay could occur by reason thereof, or (b) if delay is not reasonably foreseeable, within five (5) calendar days after the date the Contractor first had reason to believe a delay could result. The foregoing shall constitute the Contractor's sole remedy or excuse with respect to such delay. In the event performance is suspended or delayed, in whole or in part, by reason of any of the aforesaid causes or occurrences and proper notification is given the Commissioner, any performance so suspended or delayed shall be performed by the Contractor at no increased cost, promptly after such disabilities have ceased to exist unless it is determined in the sole discretion of the Commissioner that the delay will significantly impair the value of the contract to the State or to Authorized Users, whereupon the Commissioner may:

a. Accept allocated performance or deliveries from the Contractor. The Contractor, however, hereby agrees to grant preferential treatment to State Agencies with respect to Product subjected to allocation; and/or

b. Purchase from other sources (without recourse to and by the Contractor for the costs and expenses thereof) to replace all or part of

the Products which are the subject of the delay, which purchases may be deducted from the contract quantity; or

c. Terminate the contract or the portion thereof which is subject to delivery delays, and thereby discharge any unexecuted portion of the contract or the relative part thereof.

In addition, the Commissioner reserves the right, in his/her sole discretion, to make an equitable adjustment in the contract terms and/or pricing should extreme and unforeseen volatility in the marketplace affect pricing or the availability of supply. "Extreme and unforeseen volatility in the marketplace" is defined as market circumstances which meet the following criteria: (1) the volatility is due to causes outside the control of Contractor; (2) the volatility affects the marketplace or industry, not just the particular contract source of supply; (3) the effect on pricing or availability of supply is substantial; and (4) the volatility so affects Contractor's performance that continued performance of the contract would result in a substantial loss.

61. CONTRACT BILLINGS Contractor and the distributors/resellers designated by the Contractor, if any, shall provide complete and accurate billing invoices to each Authorized User in order to receive payment. Billings for Agencies must contain all information required by the State Comptroller. The State Comptroller shall render payment for Agency purchases, and such payment shall be made in accordance with ordinary State procedures and practices. Payment of contract purchases made by Authorized Users other than Agencies shall be billed directly by Contractor on invoices/vouchers, together with complete and accurate supporting documentation as required by the Authorized User.

Submission of an invoice and payment thereof shall not preclude the Commissioner from reimbursement or demanding a price adjustment in any case where the Product delivered is found to deviate from the terms and conditions of the bid and award documents.

62. DEFAULT - AUTHORIZED USER An Authorized User's breach shall not be deemed a breach of the centralized contract. In the event a participating Authorized User fails to make payment to the Contractor for Products delivered, accepted and properly invoiced, within 60 days of such delivery and acceptance, the Contractor may, upon 10 days advance written notice to both the Commissioner and the Authorized User's purchasing official, suspend additional shipments of Product or provision of services to such entity until such time as reasonable arrangements have been made and assurances given by such entity for current and future contract payments.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Contractor shall, at least 10 days prior to declaring a breach of contract by any Authorized User, by certified or registered mail, notify both the Commissioner and the purchasing official of the breaching Authorized User of the specific facts, circumstances and grounds upon which a breach will be declared. It is understood, however, that if the Contractor's basis for declaring a breach is insufficient, the Contractor's declaration of breach and failure to service an Authorized User shall constitute a breach of its contract and the State or Authorized User may thereafter utilize any remedy available at law or equity.

63. INTEREST ON LATE PAYMENTS

a. **State Agencies** The payment of interest on certain payments due and owed by a State agency may be made in accordance with Article 11-A of the *State Finance Law* and Title 2 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations, Part 18 (Implementation of Prompt Payment Legislation).

b. **By Non-State Agencies** The terms of Article 11-A apply only to procurements by and the consequent payment obligations of State Agencies. Neither expressly nor by any implication is the statute

applicable to non-State Authorized Users. Neither is the Department of Health nor the Office of the State Comptroller responsible for payments on any purchases made by a Non-State Agency Authorized User.

c. **By Contractor** Should the Contractor be liable for any payments to the State hereunder, interest, late payment charges and collection fee charges will be determined and assessed pursuant to Section 18 of the *State Finance Law*.

64. REMEDIES FOR BREACH It is understood and agreed that all rights and remedies afforded below shall be in addition to all remedies or actions otherwise authorized or permitted by law:

a. **Cover / Substitute Performance** In the event of Contractor's material breach, the Commissioner may, with or without formally bidding same:

i. Purchase from other sources; or

ii. If, after making reasonable attempts, under the circumstances then existing, to timely obtain acceptable service or acquire replacement product of equal or comparable quality, the Commissioner is unsuccessful, the Commissioner may acquire acceptable replacement product or service of lesser or greater quality.

Such purchases may, in the discretion of the Commissioner, be deducted from the contract quantity and payments due Contractor.

b. **Withhold Payment** In any case where a question of non-performance by Contractor arises, payment may be withheld in whole or in part at the discretion of the Commissioner. Should the amount withheld be finally paid, a cash discount originally offered may be taken as if no delay in payment had occurred.

c. **Reimbursement of Costs Incurred** The Contractor agrees to reimburse the State and/or Authorized User promptly for any and all additional costs and expenses incurred for acquiring acceptable services, and/or replacement Product. Should the cost of cover be less than the contract price, the Contractor shall have no claim to the difference. The Contractor covenants and agrees that in the event suit is successfully prosecuted for any default on the part of the Contractor, all costs and expenses expended or incurred by the State or Authorized User in connection therewith, including reasonable attorney's fees, shall be paid by the Contractor.

Where the Contractor fails to timely deliver pursuant to the guaranteed delivery terms of the contract, the Commissioner may authorize an ordering Authorized User to rent substitute equipment temporarily. Any sums expended for such rental shall, upon demand, be reimbursed to the Authorized User promptly by the Contractor or deducted by the Authorized User from payments due or to become due the Contractor on the same or another transaction.

d. **Deduction / Credit** Sums due as a result of these remedies may be deducted or offset by the State or Authorized User from payments due, or to become due, the Contractor on the same or another transaction. If no deduction or only a partial deduction is made in such fashion the Contractor shall pay to the State or Authorized User the amount of such claim or portion of the claim still outstanding, on demand. The Commissioner reserves the right to determine the disposition of any rebates, settlements, restitution, liquidated damages, etc., which arise from the administration of the contract.

65. ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIM Contractor hereby assigns to the State any and all its claims for overcharges associated with this contract which may arise under the antitrust laws of the United States, 15 U.S.C. Section 1, et seq. and the antitrust laws of the State of New York, G.B.L. Section 340, et seq.

66. TOXIC SUBSTANCES Each Contractor furnishing a toxic substance as defined by Section 875 of the *Labor Law*, shall provide such Authorized User with not less than two copies of a material safety data sheet, which sheet shall include for each such substance the information outlined in Section 876 of the *Labor Law*.

Before any chemical product is used or applied on or in any building, a copy of the product label and Material Safety Data Sheet must be provided to and approved by the user agency representative.

67. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR It is understood and agreed that the legal status of the Contractor, its agents, officers and employees under this Contract is that of an independent Contractor, and in no manner shall they be deemed employees of the State or Authorized User, and therefore are not entitled to any of the benefits associated with such employment. The Contractor agrees, during the term of this contract, to maintain at Contractor's expense those benefits to which its employees would otherwise be entitled by law, including health benefits, and all necessary insurance for its employees, including worker's compensation, disability and unemployment insurance, and to provide the Authorized User with certification of such insurance upon request. The Contractor remains responsible for all applicable federal, state and local taxes, and all FICA contributions.

68. SECURITY / CONFIDENTIALITY Contractor warrants, covenants and represents that it will comply fully with all security procedures of the State and any Authorized User(s) in performance of the Contract.

Contractor further warrants, covenants and represents that any confidential information obtained by Contractor, its agents, subcontractors, officers, or employees in the course of performing its obligations, including without limitation, security procedures, business operations information, or commercial proprietary information in the possession of the State or any Authorized User hereunder or received from another third party, will not be divulged to any third parties. Contractor shall not be required to keep confidential any such confidential material which is publicly available through no fault of Contractor, independently developed by Contractor without reliance on confidential information of the State or Authorized User, or otherwise obtained under the Freedom of Information Act or other applicable New York State Laws and Regulations. This warranty shall survive termination of this Contract. Contractor further agrees to take appropriate steps as to its personnel, agents, officers and any subcontractors regarding the obligations arising under this clause to insure such confidentiality.

69. COOPERATION WITH THIRD PARTIES The Contractor shall be responsible for fully cooperating with any third party, including but not limited to subcontractors of the Authorized User, relating to delivery of product or coordination of services.

70. CONTRACT TERM - RENEWAL In addition to any stated renewal periods in the Contract, any contract or unit portion thereof let by the Commissioner may be extended by the Commissioner for an additional period(s) of up to one year (cumulatively) with the written concurrence of the Contractor.

71. WARRANTIES Where Contractor or Product manufacturer generally offers additional or more advantageous warranties than set forth below, Contractor shall offer or pass through any such warranties to Authorized Users. Contractor hereby warrants and represents:

a. **Product Performance** Products delivered pursuant to this Contract conform to the manufacturer's specifications, performance

standards and documentation, and the documentation fully describes the proper procedure for using the Products.

b. **Indemnification** To fully indemnify and save harmless the State, Authorized Users and their respective officers, agents and employees without limitation from suits, actions, damages and costs of every name and description arising out of the acts or omissions of Contractor, its officers, employees, subcontractors, partners, or agents, in any performance under this contract including: i) personal injury, damage to real or personal tangible property, ii) negligence, either active or passive, or iii) infringement of any law or of a United States Letter Patent with respect to the Products furnished, or of any copyright, trademark, trade secret or intellectual proprietary rights, provided that the State or Authorized User shall give Contractor: (a) prompt written notice of any action, claim or threat of infringement suit, or other suit, promptness of which shall be established by Authorized User upon the furnishing of written notice and verified receipt, (b) the opportunity to take over, settle or defend such action, claim or suit at Contractor's sole expense, and (c) assistance in the defense of any such action at the expense of Contractor. Where a dispute or claim arises relative to a real or anticipated infringement, the State or Authorized User may require Contractor, at its sole expense, to submit such information and documentation, including formal patent attorney opinions, as the Commissioner shall require.

c. **Title and Ownership Warranty** Full ownership, clear title free of all liens, or the right to transfer or deliver perpetual license rights to any Products transferred to Authorized User under this Contract. Contractor shall be solely liable for any costs of acquisition associated therewith. Contractor fully indemnifies the State and Authorized User for any loss, damages or actions arising from a breach of said warranty without limitation.

d. **Contractor Compliance** To pay, at its sole expense, all applicable permits, licenses, tariffs, tolls and fees and give all notices and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of any governmental entity in conjunction with the performance of obligations under the contract. Prior to award and during the Contract term and any renewals thereof, Contractor must establish to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that it meets or exceeds all requirements of the bid/ contract and any applicable laws, including but not limited to, permits, insurance coverage, licensing, proof of coverage for workman's compensation, and shall provide such proof as required by the Commissioner. Failure to do so may constitute grounds for the Commissioner to cancel or suspend this contract, in whole or in part, or to take any other action deemed necessary by the Commissioner.

e. **Product Warranty** Unless recycled or recovered materials are available in accordance with the "Recycled or Recovered Materials" clause, Product offered shall be standard new equipment, current model of regular stock product with all parts regularly used with the type of equipment offered; and no attachment or part has been substituted or applied contrary to the manufacturer's recommendations and standard practice. Every Product, including any substituted or replacement Product delivered, must be unconditionally guaranteed against faulty material and workmanship for a period of one year from and after the date the Product is accepted unless otherwise specified by the Commissioner. Furthermore, the Contractor agrees to extend its warranty period by the cumulative periods of time, after notification, during which the Product requires servicing or replacement (down time) or is in the possession of the Contractor,

its agents, officers or employees. If during the regular or extended warranty periods faults develop, the Contractor shall promptly repair or, upon demand, replace the defective unit or component part affected. All costs for labor and material and transportation incurred to repair or replace defective goods during the warranty period shall be borne solely by the Contractor, and the State or Authorized User shall in no event be liable or responsible therefor. This warranty shall survive any termination of the contract in accordance with the warranty term.

- f. Replacement Parts Warranty Where the provision of services requires the replacement or repair of Product, any replaced or repaired component, part or Product shall be new and shall, if available, be replaced by the original manufacturer's component, part or Product. Remanufactured components meeting new product standards may be permitted by the Commissioner or Authorized User. All proposed substitutes for the original manufacturer's installed Product must be approved by the Authorized User before installation. The Product or part shall be equal to or of better quality than the original Product being replaced. Any Product replaced by the Contractor under the contract shall be guaranteed for the remainder of the warranty period under (d) above and replaced at no cost to the Authorized User if found defective during that time.
- g. Date/Time Warranty Contractor warrants that Product(s) furnished pursuant to this Contract shall, when used in accordance with the Product documentation, be able to accurately process date/time data (including, but not limited to, calculating, comparing, and sequencing) transitions, including leap year calculations. Where a Contractor proposes or an acquisition requires that specific Products must perform as a package or system, this warranty shall apply to the Products as a system.

Where Contractor is providing ongoing services, including but not limited to: i) consulting, integration, code or data conversion, ii) maintenance or support services, iii) data entry or processing, or iv) contract administration services (e.g. billing, invoicing, claim processing), Contractor warrants that services shall be provided in an accurate and timely manner without interruption, failure or error due to the inaccuracy of Contractor's business operations in processing date/time data (including, but not limited to, calculating, comparing, and sequencing) various date/time transitions, including leap year calculations. Contractor shall be responsible for damages resulting from any delays, errors or untimely performance resulting therefrom, including but not limited to the failure or untimely performance of such services.

This Date/Time Warranty shall survive beyond termination or expiration of this contract through: a) ninety (90) days or b) the Contractor's or Product manufacturer/developer's stated date/time warranty term, whichever is longer. Nothing in this warranty statement shall be construed to limit any rights or remedies otherwise available under this Contract for breach of warranty.